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A Chickasaw woman of service

Helen Cole leaves legacy of good works, activism



Mrs. Helen Cole with her son, U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, and Gov. Bill Anoatubby during the 2002 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival. Mrs. Cole died April 7.

NORMAN, Okla. - Former Oklahoma state senator and Chickasaw Hall of Fame member Helen TeAta Gale Cole, who was known for decades of dedicated public service, died Wednesday, April 7 at Norman Regional Hospital. Mrs. Cole died two months after suffering

a stroke.

Helen Cole served more than nine years in the Oklahoma State Senate and six years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. She also served as mayor of Moore, Oklahoma. She was well known for her fight against drug and alcohol abuse as well

as her efforts to raise the bar of behavior for state officials as a member of the State Ethics Commission.

"Our world is a better place because of the tireless efforts of Helen Cole," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "She accomplished great things because of her indomitable spirit and unwavering dedication in fighting for noble causes. Her legacy of service will live on in the hearts and minds of her friends and family."

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, who referred to Helen Cole as "my dear friend who always stood for what was right and good," during his 2003 State of the State address, has fond memories of the former senator.

"Helen Cole was a giant in Oklahoma politics and public service," said Gov. Henry. "She was an accomplished, thoughtful public servant who put policy

ahead of politics, always doing what she believed was in the best interest of Oklahoma."

Helen Cole also had close ties to the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, according to USAO President John Feaver. Mrs. Cole shared memories and memorabilia of her aunt and namesake, the famous Chickasaw dancer and performer TeAta, who was the first inductee into the University's Alumni Hall of fame in 1972.

"The only thing that shined brighter than her service to the state of Oklahoma," said president Feaver, "was her devotion to Oklahoma's rich American Indian heritage. Her gifts to the college have enriched the permanent collections of the USAO art gallery, and her friendship through the years will never be forgotten."

"She was a true public servant, a dedicated and loyal Oklahoman, and a friend. Even in death,

she finds a way to keep giving, as American Indian students will benefit from gifts to the TeAta Scholarship Fund."

Oklahoma Senate President Pro Tempore Cal Hobson said he expects Helen Cole's son, U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, who represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District, to continue the family tradition of service.

"Helen Cole was a woman of great dignity and character and was admired by members of both parties," said Sen. Hobson. "She was very proud of her Native American heritage and her state. She loved public service and worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of her district."

"Her service on the Ethics Commission underscored Senator Cole's commitment to making government in Oklahoma something of which our citizens could be proud."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Diabetes Care Center opens at Carl Albert Hospital

ADA, Okla. - Ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new state-of-the-art Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center were 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at 1001 N. Country Club Road.

A full range of services, from vision care to nutrition and exercise consultation, are available at the 8,500-square-foot facility.

"We were motivated to build this center because Native Americans have a very high incidence

of diabetes, and it can have a wide range of devastating health effects," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Our ability to provide complete services in one location is not merely a matter of convenience, it is essential to help diabetic patients preserve their overall health and maintain the highest possible quality of life."

Completion of the center is a
*See Diabetes Center,
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Chickasaw Nation officials conducted ribbon cutting ceremonies for a new state-of-the-art Diabetes Care Center April 6, 2004. From left are tribal legislators Mary Jo Green, Wanda Scott, and Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, legislative chairman Linda Briggs, Supreme Court Justice Barbara Smith, Indian Health Service representative Randy Grinnell and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION

David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 19, 2004

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Member absent: Donna Hartman

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

Guests present: Lizette Stephens, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Sue Simmons, Ramona Sealy, Trail G. Glory, Robert L. Cole, Anna Cole

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 20, 2004

September 19, 2003

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve the minutes of February 20, 2004 and the minutes of September 19, 2003. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Holly Easterling

1 abstention

The motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2004 and the minutes of September 19, 2003 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 21-041, Authorization to Enter into Chickasaw Nation and State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact

This resolution authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to enter into a gaming compact with the State of Oklahoma as set forth in Sections 211 and 213 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes (adopted as Section 21 of Senate Bill 553 enacted by the Oklahoma State Legislature on February 26, 2004, but which may be codified under different sections of state statutes), and any amendments thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve GR21-041. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Mr. Seawright asked for an explanation of why this issue was being brought up again.

Chairperson Briggs explained this resolution was more comprehensive than the previous resolution approved in the February Session.

A vote was taken on the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim

Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-041 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 21-043, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System, Wayne E. Roark

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Wayne E. Roark to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Mr. Roark will fill the Category D seat, which is the member-at-large. That seat has no set term.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-043. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-043 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-044, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System, Lorinda Chancellor

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Lorinda Chancellor to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Ms. Chancellor will fill an unexpired term, beginning on October 1 of last year and ending on October 1, 2006. She will represent the Tishomingo District.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-044. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seawright.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-044 carried unanimously.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 21-045, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a contract to acquire real property, containing 15.65 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located at 1630 E. Beverly, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-045. The motion was seconded by Mrs.

Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-045 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Mrs. Green reported the grand opening of the Diabetic Clinic was scheduled for March 31, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. The committee has received good reports by the Hospital Administrator, and they appreciate his report each month. She concluded her report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) HISTORICAL CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott reported there have been changes in the capitol building. She will give more details next month. She concluded her report.

(I) ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

(J) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 21-015, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Children's Court Forms)

This resolution amends the name of the Chickasaw Nation District Court on 2 forms provided in 2 sections of Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-015. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-015 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs reiterated the announcement of the opening of the Diabetic Clinic, on March 31, at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Goforth Parker announced the Freedom Center Church in Ada was having a Native American Women's Choir. Forty churches and 17 tribes will be represented in the choir. She invited all to attend. Services were March 21, at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Bedrock truths for generations

Our solid foundation has served Chickasaws well

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

Housing, nutrition, education, wellness.

Health care, counseling, commercial enterprises, employment.

Construction, clothing grants, communications, energy assistance.

Our tribe, as we all know, is now engaged in a large variety of endeavors. The Chickasaw Nation is among the country's tribal leaders in production of business revenue and, happily, we are also a national leader in the important programs and services for the Chickasaw people.

Whatever the age, circumstance or need, our tribe stands ready to assist the people with the elements that offer opportunity, and make life joyful.

How our tribe has reached

this unique vista speaks volumes about the principles that have always been important to Chickasaws.

I'm certain our ancestors who arrived in Indian Territory nearly 170 years ago could not have conceived our current tribal reality. For those who preceded us, life was built on the basics. In this new country, the fundamental provision of food, shelter and clothing were primary concerns.

And our predecessors conquered those challenges, reestablished our tribal government and organized into one of the most progressive tribes in the land.

They were successful - and passed that heritage on to us - because they continued to adhere to the bedrock truths on which our tribe was built.

The Chickasaw Nation, I believe, reflects in its history and its works many of the fundamental



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

beliefs most of us share as individuals.

The Chickasaw people have understood for generations that what you sow, so you will reap. Our tribe has traditionally been known for its community discussions, its planning and its long-term success. Our history displays our strength as a tribe that prepares for things that might come, and is ready when circumstances change. We have been careful what we have sown,

so we might reap the harvest of goodness for the people.

Our heritage is to seek wisdom rather than riches. Both before and after removal, Chickasaws have shown a desire to gain knowledge and pass that knowledge on to their children. This is a reflection, once again, of understanding what actually represents "wealth." Our tribe has for hundreds of years been recognized for its clearness of thought and knowledge of many things. In our modern times, we continue to be seekers of real wisdom. We emphasize quality education and study for our children and others.

We have been an active and inquisitive people. The Chickasaw people believed, and believe, that if you seek, you will find. We have not been content to simply allow events and circumstances to control us. Chickasaws have constantly sought better lives for themselves, their families and their fellow Chickasaws. Throughout history, we have all been part of our tribal mission to discover what is good. It is "built in" to us to aspire to be leaders and innovators, not just for ourselves, but for our children, grandchildren and the Chickasaw generations to follow.

The Chickasaw Nation is known to be "Unconquered and Unconquerable" for real reasons. Because we have welcomed these important truths as basics of our community tribal spirit, we have been able to deflect the assaults on our tribe over the many years of our history. Much more than that, we have not only remained unconquered, we have flourished and grown in our new land.

These important truths are reflected most profoundly in the faces of our children. What wonderful lives they have before them! Our common tribal history - our tremendous story of a stalwart tribe with its feet on the ground - will mean so much to the children as they become our new leaders.

We have so much to be thankful for, and it is good for us to remember we have reached our current place not by accident, but by remaining faithful as a people and doing things the right way. Chickasaw culture is one of fundamental goodness, and our history tells the story of a foundation built over many years. That solid foundation, I believe, provides for our bright future together.

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major milestone for the Chickasaw Nation Health System. It comes approximately 10 years after the Chickasaw Nation first assumed management of the Carl Albert Hospital. The Diabetes Care Center is located on the south face of Carl Albert.

Randy Grinnell of the Indian Health Service said there had been many positive changes since the tribe began management of the health system in 1994.

"I came down here because I want to compliment the tribe and the leadership of Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel and the legislative people who have the vision to see these kind of things happen," said Mr. Grinnell. "Some time back Congress began to put money for Indian health care, for diabetes. And it started out with about \$50 million a year, and now it's up to \$150 million a year. But it had a caveat. It said that it would only continue to fund those tribes and those programs that show success and actually demonstrated changes in life and really affecting the health status of those with diabetes.

"This is a perfect example of a successful one."

Services available include in-

patient diabetic assessment, vision care, podiatry clinic, dental clinic, gestational diabetes care, diabetes education, nutrition and exercise education and more.

The *Healthy Choices* clinic at the DCC allows patients to have all routine tests and checkups performed in one morning. Patients may visit an optometrist, podiatrist, pharmacist, exercise counselor and participate in group discussion on nutrition and menu planning.

Healthy Choices participants also receive a yearly educational update, including information about laboratory studies, group discussion of diabetes complications and treatment goals and group behavioral health discussion on emotional consequences of living with diabetes.

"The new Diabetes Center will provide the most comprehensive diabetic care in all of Indian Country," said Bill Lance, CNHS administrator.

In addition to the health care and educational services available at the clinic, the Chickasaw Nation offers numerous opportunities to help prevent or control diabetes.

The annual diabetes camp provides an intensive four-day program on practical ways to

prevent or control the disease. Camp includes guest speakers, exercise, nutrition counseling, pharmacy counseling, educational games and cooking classes.

Equipment is available at the wellness center to carry out an exercise program.

Diabetes consultation and evaluation is still available at Chickasaw Nation health clinics in Ardmore, Durant and Tishomingo. Practitioners there may refer patients to the Diabetic Care Center for any of the available services.

One unique feature of the clinic is digital diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy, which is the number one cause of blindness in working age Americans.

This pioneering system, which was the first of its kind in the state, allows digital images of the retina to be transmitted over the Internet to Nashville, Tenn., where they are evaluated by highly trained technicians.

Results are usually available the same day, and if a problem appears, the patient can immediately schedule an appointment to return for timely treatment.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Bill Anoatubby
Governor



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Committee work lays foundation for legislative action



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and Happy Springtime to All of You! Even though the springtime often brings stormy weather to us here in this part of the world, we have really beautiful days most of the time. The hot days of summer are not far ahead, but for now the pretty, fresh weather has a way of reenergizing all of us. Lots of activity going on in the Chicka-

New facilities criss-cross the Chickasaw Nation

saw Nation!

At our regular session (which is always the third Friday of the month) the chairman of each of the committees gives a report on the activities of that committee during the month just past. Often the committee chairs simply say "No report" but they are really just meaning they have no resolutions to present to the body as a whole for a vote. A lot of work has gone on in a committee by the time a resolution reaches the position of being on the agenda for a vote by the entire legislature. Very helpful to the process is that all department heads give reports on a regular monthly basis to the legislature.

I thought you would like to know about some of the activities occurring in the various committees. The Finance Committee is always busy and is about to become more so as

work has begun on the budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005. Chairman Scott Colbert has announced the dates and places of the budget hearings and the procedure for those is to submit questions in writing to the legislative office and the questions will be answered at the hearings. Much work goes into the budget process from the different departments all the way to the session agenda.

The chair of the Human Resources Committee, Dean McManus, and the chair of the Health Committee, Mary Jo Green, have been very busy along with the others serving on their committees as they work together on gathering information concerning the care of our elder citizens. Mary Jo, Dean and I visited a really interesting facility the other day wherein the concept was one of assisted living apartments, nursing home and small non-critical hospital facilities all on

the same property - connected but still separate. As mentioned previously a feasibility study is being performed on the care of the elderly as to different concepts and means to do the best possible job of caring for elders. Lots of activities going on in both these committees as we just opened the state of the art diabetic clinic adjacent to Carl Albert Hospital and prepare for the opening of the clinic at Purcell. Many Chickasaw citizens with talent and experience serve voluntarily on our various boards and those appointments from the Governor's office come through Mrs. Manus's committee.

The Court Development Committee, chaired by Tim Colbert, is very busy at the present time as we are in process of implementing our court system. We are fortunate to have both Mr. Tim Colbert and Mr. Scott Col-

bert on this committee as they are both attorneys and offer comprehensive understanding gained from experience to the process in which we are involved.

In all the action we take we are striving to do the best we possibly can for the best interest of the most Chickasaw people. We will continue in this vein and your input is always welcome. Also, our pursuit of ways to help our Chickasaw citizens living outside the Nation continues. This is a challenging undertaking but along with the administration we will continue exploring. Already we have made giant strides in this area in the field of education. As we are thankful for the many accomplishments of the Nation we are aware of all yet to be done. May God touch each of your lives.

Linda Briggs.

Tradition now includes scissors, shovels, ribbon and dirt



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

What do scissors, shovels, ribbon and dirt have in common? Tradition.

It has become a tradition of the Chickasaw Nation to celebrate the initial building phase and opening of all Chickasaw facilities. At the beginning of a building project, we bring out the golden shovels and meet over the hallowed site to turn that treasured first shovel of dirt. Tradition has it that tribal officials, citizens, contractors, and employees meet together over these pieces of property. We turn over dirt in locations that will

house future tribal businesses, health clinics, nutrition sites, and much more. It is not uncommon for us to eat and drink refreshments at these events. Always, the event is begun by prayer that is usually offered by a Chickasaw elder and often prayed in our own Chickasaw language. To tell you the truth, we just have a lot of fun. Those of us turning that shovel of dirt loosen our little plot of soil prior to Governor Anoatubby's traditional one-two-three count. We are all to dig at three. After the shovel activity, we all crowd together and take a picture. Those pictures are usually shown right here in our own *Chickasaw Times*, and sometimes in local newspapers. I encourage you all to try to make it out to one of these events.

To complete the journey, come back to a grand opening. It is truly amazing to stand at that same location months later inside a new building. The tradition here is the ribbon cutting. Our old wooden scissors that you see in all of the pictures have crisscrossed the Chickasaw Nation many times over. What

was once a grassy field is now a beautiful new tribal facility, and we are ready to cut that beautiful crimson red ribbon for the official grand opening. The ribbon is always red. A tribal employee hands out a pair of red handled scissors to all of those lucky enough to make the cut. Again, Governor Anoatubby counts "one-two-three," with a grin on his face, he will often tell us not

to cut too early.

Ribbons, scissors, dirt and shovels have been a part of our tradition for longer than I have been a part of the Legislature. Traditions are predictable and they give us a sense of family. As members of the Chickasaw Nation, we are family.

I encourage you to come out to one of these events. You can check with Sheila Brashier,

Special Projects Coordinator, at 580-332-1165. I can't promise food, but we can promise a good, memorable time. Make this a part of your summer activities and please e-mail me at jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu if you have questions or comments.

Judy Goforth Parker
Pontotoc District
Seat 2

Budget hearings set for June

The Chickasaw Nation Legislative Finance Committee will conduct public hearings regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget for 2005 during the month of June. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Legislative Office in Ada. All meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. at the following locations and dates: Tuesday, June 8 - David Stout Building, 520 Arlington, Ada, Okla.; Thursday, June 10 - O.S.U. Extension Office, 4000 West Highway 7, Davis, Okla.; Thursday, June

17 - Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce Building, 112 East Paul, Pauls Valley, Okla.; and Thursday, June 24 - Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 1203 West Ray Branum Road, Tishomingo, Okla.

Any Chickasaw citizen may address the Finance Committee at the hearings, provided the citizen may speak only if he has notified the Committee Chairman in writing of his desire to speak and provides an agenda within five days of the meeting. A citizen may speak for up to 10 minutes. Chickasaw citi-

zens may also present written comments, recommendations or information at those meetings, provided, those written comments are presented to the Finance Committee Chairman prior to the hearings commencement.

The meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Title 10, Section 10-205, and following, of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The Chickasaw Nation Code can be located at www.chickasaw.net.

Prescription refill center on the drawing board



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! The Health Care Committee met on April 12 and received an infor-

mative report from Bill Lance, Health Systems Administrator, which brought us up to date on current happenings in our Health System.

We held the grand opening/ribbon cutting for our state-of-the-art Diabetes Center on April 6. The facility is everything we planned for and more. Now we can address the needs of our diabetic citizens in the most efficient and effective way possible.

The Health System was awarded an \$800,000 grant through HUD which will be used to begin construction of a prescription refill center in Ada. The planning phase of the project began on March 25.

The Health System is de-

veloping conceptual plans to enlarge the radiology area and add CAT Scan services at Carl Albert Hospital.

The projected completion date for the Family Life Center is in June 2004. The new facility will provide space for physical therapy, a wellness center, nutritional consultation and martial arts classes.

The Health System received a \$400,000 grant for construction of a new food distribution center in Ardmore. We are currently evaluating potential site locations for the facility.

Good news for our citizens in Texas! We have received verbal approval from Texas Medicaid officials to participate in their Medicaid program. The clinics which have been confirmed as

designated provider sites are Durant, Tishomingo and Ardmore.

For the month of March we provided 254 surgical procedures at Carl Albert. The total was the most for a single month in the history of the Health System.

The Health System purchased an addition \$200,000 in drug inventory for the month of March. The drug prime-vendor contract is changing from AmeriSource to McKesson. We were anticipating some delays with drug orders so we ordered additional medications to eliminate such delays.

I hope that you are excited as we are about the state of our Health System. We are truly blessed to be able to provide

the quality of care that we do through our hospital and clinics. However, we understand that our total needs are not yet met; therefore, we continually strive to add new services to our health care.

As always, I invite any comments or questions you may have. Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times*. I look forward to speaking with you!

May God bless our health care providers and also our Indian people that they may be in better health in the coming year. Thank you.

March 2004 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 21-046

Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for the U.S. Indian Health Service Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) Grant

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) to apply for an IHS-NARCH grant. The Chickasaw Nation Health System would partner with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) to conduct tribally driven research projects, and develop the capacity of student and faculty researchers.

Award Information: The grant award amount is up to \$800,000 for four years. At least 30% of the total award is required to remain with the grantee.

Methods: The CNHS would approve prospective research projects through the tribal Research Review Committee, and collaborate with OUHSC and other tribes to facilitate and complete such projects. Individual projects would be managed via subcontracts with OUHSC and other tribes.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green,

Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-048

Approval of Application for Funding - Administration for Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies Program

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Native Americans, Administration for Children and Families, Social and Economic Development Strategies Project Program, for the establishment of the Chepota Apisa Chi li program, an initiative to recruit and retain Native American foster/adoptive families. The application requests funding in the amount of \$480,000 over the three-year project. The tribe's required 25% match will be provided through in-kind and tribal funds.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

As amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda

Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-016

Amendments to Section 18-110 and Section 10-202 of the Chickasaw Nation code (Development Budget)

Explanation: This resolution amends Section 18-110 of the code of deleting one subsection which defines and delineates what was once termed the "Capital Improvements Plan." A new subsection is added to Section

10-202 which defines and delineates a Development Budget, which will take the place of the Capital Improvements Plan, and will be included in the portion of the Code which deals with the tribe's budget process. The amendments include details as to what is required for reporting to the Legislature on all projects involving capital improvements and provides for monthly reporting from the Governor to the Legislature or financial expendi-

tures for all such projects.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Steve Woods, Chairman Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee
April 5, 2004

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus

Human Resources Committee
April 5, 2004

Present: Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus, Donna Hartman

Finance Committee
April 5, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

April 12, 04

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee
April 5, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Absent: Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Historic Capitol - Ad Hoc Committee
April 5, 2004

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs

Education Committee
April 5, 2004

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary

Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman
Land Development Committee

April 5, 2004
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Melvin Burris, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert
Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

April 12, 2004
Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Health Committee
April 12, 2004

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Opportunities to share information

Judicial Department meeting community councils



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

Spring is in full bloom and so is the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department!

We have added three (3) new employees this month to better serve our citizens and to provide a more efficient and effective court system.

Wayne Joplin is our new District Court Clerk. We are fortunate to have Wayne as a member of our judicial team. Wayne brings to the Chickasaw citizens 28 years of court clerk experience. Wayne and his family are

long time residents of Ada.

Tamara Dresser has been brought on board as the Deputy Court Clerk for the District court. Tamara has served as Deputy Court Clerk for 6 years and has already proven to be a great asset to the Chickasaw District Court. Wayne and Tamara will be the individuals to assist you at the District Court. Drop by to welcome them and see your District Court building.

Jason Burwell has been added to the Supreme Court staff as Supreme Court Clerk. Jason will be filing all appeals cases as well as focusing on our grant requirements.

Jason has worked for the Chickasaw Nation for 12 years and we are happy to have him join us as we continue to grow.

This month has been a busy month for all of the Judicial Department. We are making a special effort to visit all Chickasaw Community Councils.

March 29, 2004, we held a

swearing in ceremony for Special Judge Sherry Abbott Todd. Ms. Todd is a licensed attorney and is currently working for the Attorney General's Office of the State of Oklahoma. She has accepted an assignment from the Supreme Court to preside over a case where the District Judge recused. She will be available on future cases by special assignment of the Supreme Court. Judge Todd has one (1) case currently before her. Sherry Abbott Todd is the daughter of Joe Kent Abbott and Jean Abbott and is the sister of Thalia Miller, David Abbott and Darla Norvill.

On April 6, 2004, we attended the Pauls Valley Community Council meeting and updated the members on the Judicial Department and the services we are providing to the Chickasaw citizens. We shared our vision of providing a Peacemaking Court in the future. Bedre' chocolates in the form of our seal were provided to the members and a

"Question and Answer" period followed.

April 13, 2004, the Chickasaw Nation District Court Grand Opening was held at the District Court. Everyone enjoyed the celebration of the re-establishment of the District Court. The overwhelming support of the Chickasaw Nation; the Executive Department, Legislative Department, City of Ada, community leaders and members of the Chickasaw Bar Association as well as the support of the Chickasaw Nation employees made every member of the Judicial Department proud to be a part of this great Nation.

On April 15, 2004, we attended the Chickasaw Nation AARP meeting and met Houston, Texas Community Council members. We shared our Judicial Department news with all attending and enjoyed visiting with Houston Community Council members.

Our May schedule is beginning to fill up. We are attending the Duncan Community Council meeting on May 3 and the Oklahoma Metro Community Council on May 4. If any of you are in the neighborhood, please drop by these Community Council meetings. We are looking forward to meeting each of you and the Community Councils would be delighted to have you visit.

In addition to visiting the Community Councils we have

been working diligently on updating our Webpage. It is our hope that all of you will take a few minutes to log on and take a look at what we have done. It is our intention to have a Webpage that is informative and interesting for our citizens. If you have any thoughts on what you would like to see on our Webpage, call our Supreme Court office at 580-235-0281.

Our Chickasaw Nation Bar Association continues to grow as well as the judicial staff. Currently we have a membership of 45 licensed attorneys who can practice law in our District Court. Fourteen (32%) of the 45 attorneys are Chickasaw citizens. A total of 58% of the Bar Association members are Native American attorneys.

I would like to remind our readers that the Chickasaw Nation is a nation of strength and wisdom, which is evident in our separate branches of government. Our Executive and Legislative branches have supported the Judicial Department in our growth and development. We are secure in the knowledge that we are working together to serve the Chickasaw citizens. All branches of your Chickasaw government have come together to form a strong nation for you. It is a privilege and honor to serve the Chickasaw citizens.

Abbott-Todd appointed Special Judge



From left, Justice Barbara Smith, Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Edred and Special Judge Sherry Abbott-Todd.

ADA, Okla. - On March 29, 2004, Judge Sherry Abbott-Todd was sworn in as special judge to the Chickasaw Nation District Court. Pursuant to Section 5-202.8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, "..... the Supreme Court may designate by Court Order one or more duly qualified magistrates to sit on the trial or case, or may make one or more special appointments from among members of the Bar of the Court, or from among the members of the Supreme Court to act as a Special Judge to hear specific named cases, or cases filed prior to the date a regular Judge can be

convened or the vacancy is filled."

"It is a privilege to participate in the renewal of the judicial department of the great Chickasaw Nation," said Judge Abbott-Todd. "The justices and

the staff have created a tribal court system that is already being praised as well organized and professional. I look forward to serving as special district judge and will do my part to contribute to the future development of the judicial branch."

Ms. Abbott-Todd is a graduate of Latta (OK) High School and East Central University, Ada. She taught English at Byng (OK) High School for six years before pursuing her law degree. She received her law degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Law and served as an intern with the Native American Rights

Fund in Washington, D.C. She then served as assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County for 10 years, prosecuting crimes ranging from burglary to murder. Today, she is the assistant attorney general in the litigation division for the state of Oklahoma, a position she has held for the past five years. Apart from her hectic work schedule, Ms. Abbott-Todd also makes time to serve on the board of directors of the Jacobson House, a Native American cultural center in Norman, Okla.

Family members attending the ceremony were parents Joe Kent and Jean Abbott, siblings Darla Norvill, Thalia Miller and David Abbott, wife Kim and daughters Colbi and Sydney. Ms. Abbott-Todd has a daughter, Shanda Nelson, who lives in Yukon, Okla., with husband Jack and children Parker and Payton.

The Abbott family is proud of its Chickasaw heritage and has played important roles in the development of the Chickasaw Nation. Joe Kent Abbott is a former Chickasaw legislator and Barney Abbott, Jr. (uncle) a former judge. Barney Abbott, Sr. is a Chickasaw original enrollee.

Joplin named Court Clerk



Wayne Joplin

Wayne Joplin was born in McAlester, Oklahoma. Mr. Joplin graduated from Byng (OK) High School in 1959 and attended East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma.

He was elected Pontotoc County Court Clerk and served from October 1, 1972 until

February 29, 2000. He served as president of the Oklahoma Court Clerk's Association from 1986 to 1987; served as legislative chairman of Oklahoma Court Clerk's Association from 1987 to 2000; and served as President of the County Officers and Deputies Association of Oklahoma from 1993 to 1994.

He resides in Ada with his wife, Nelda. The Joplins have three children, Becky West, Julie Wall and Brett Joplin; and six grandchildren and one due in May, 2004.

Wayne Joplin was hired in February, 2004, as the Chickasaw Nation District Court Clerk.

‘Its About Money’

Bank2 sponsored ‘Rock the Native Vote’ campaign



J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

It's another presidential election year and we'll soon be sallying forth to perform our democratic and civic duty by casting our vote at the ballot box. One marked difference this year from the past is a highly organized effort to get Native Americans (especially young

adults) registered to vote.

“Rock the Native Vote” is an event scheduled for Saturday, June 5 from 1p.m. to 10p.m. at the Made in Oklahoma Building at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. “Rock the Native Vote” is an event that is being organized by the Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. It is an idea that grew out of the O.I.M.C.’s annual retreat for young Indian adults.

The “Rock the Native Vote” event committee members include Rev. David Wilson, Superintendent of the O.I.M.C.; Cinda Hughes, Ms. Wheelchair America 2004; Enoch Kelly Haney, former Oklahoma State Senator; and Barbara Warner, Executive Director, Oklahoma

Indian Affairs Commission.

This committee has put together an impressive list of performers and artists for the event. The performers include nationally recognized Indian talents such as *Jana* (pop/dance), *Tribal Live* (hip hop), *Casper Lomayesva* (reggae), and *Darryl Tomemah* (contemporary rock).

Oklahoma Indian performers include the *Chebon Tiger Band* (blues), *Culture Shock Camp* (rap/hip hop) and *Terry Tsotigh* (blues/traditional flute). Tickets are presently on sale for \$10 and can be purchased through OK Tickets.

We at Bank2 are pleased to be among the many sponsors for

this important event. “Rock the Native Vote” promises to not only increase voter registration among young adults, but to also help instill within those young adults the lifelong habit of exercising their right to vote. So remember: Bank2 Rocks! (the Native Vote).

Camp Pehlichik Ikbi applications available

Applications are now available for Camp Pehlichik Ikbi, a tribally-funded leadership camp designed to build self-motivation and self-awareness with tribal involvement.

Conducted near Bromide, Oklahoma, Camp Pehlichik Ikbi offers 2 sessions - June 28 through July 2 and July 5-9. The sessions include motivational speakers, recreation, heritage, culture and music. All activities are focused on helping each camper realize his or her full potential.

The cost of the camp, including transportation, is provided by the Chickasaw Nation. A list of articles and items needed during the camp session will be provided when participants submit their applications.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

For information or applications contact Whitney Ferris

at (580) 272-0948 OR (580) 272-7259

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CHICKASAW CHILDREN'S VILLAGE KINGSTON, OKLAHOMA

Make a difference in the Lives of Children

The Chickasaw Nation Children's Village is seeking married couples for live-in **house parents** for its new student cottages for the upcoming school year. Located on Highway 70 within view of Lake Texoma, the house parents will reside in the cottages and provide a home-like atmosphere for up to 8 American Indian children for grades 1-12 while they attend Kingston Public Schools. Year-round generous benefit package plus salary and paid living expenses. Planned for the Children's Village include a full range of activities and recreational areas, including a livestock barn and arena. Rural living and secured grounds will provide a safe and nurturing environment. Consider being a part of this village family. Qualified applicants will have a foundation in adolescent behavior, an understanding of intervention methods and a history of working with adolescents in various settings. Please send individual resumes to Human Resources, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. To download an application or for more information about the Chickasaw Nation log on to www.chickasaw.net

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature Business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Free Rabies vaccinations available from 10 to noon May 15 in Purcell

PURCELL, Okla. - Free rabies vaccinations will be available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15 at the Chickasaw Nation Purcell area office parking lot, 1603 S. Green Ave.

Owners must bring their CDIB cards to qualify pets for vaccinations.

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Approximately 200 to 250 vaccinations will be available on a first come, first served basis.

For information, call (405) 527-6667.

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2002-2003 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

Pontotoc District

Seat

1. Holly Easterling
HCR 64 Box 241
Ada, OK 74820
(580) 436-9882
hollye@tds.net
2. Judy Parker
Route 1, Box 406
Ada, OK 74820
(580) 332-3840
3. Melvin Burris
Route 1, Box 167BB
Alen, OK 74825
(580) 436-3657
4. Dean McManus
Route 2, Box 312
Ada, OK 74820
(580) 759-3407
5. Mary Jo Green
2000 E. 14th Place
Ada, OK 74820
(580) 332-2394

Pickens District

Seat

1. Wilson Seawright
P.O. Box 83
Ardmore, OK 73401
(580) 223-3358
2. Donna Hartman
1725 Kings Road
Ardmore, OK 73401
(580) 226-4385
3. Linda Briggs
400 NW 4th
Marietta, OK 73448
(580) 276-3493
4. Wanda Blackwood Scott
Route 1, Box 42
Elmore City, OK 73433
(580) 788-4730
scottides@telepath.com

Tishomingo District

Seat

1. D. Scott Colbert
608 W. Tulsa
Sulphur, OK 73086
(580) 622-3218
2. Tim Colbert
P.O. Box 773
Sulphur, OK 73086
(580) 993-2818
3. Steven Woods
Route 1, Box 430A
Sulphur, OK 73086
(580) 622-3523

Panola District

Seat

1. Beth Alexander
Box 246
Achille, OK 74720
(580) 283-3409

Elliott Named Communications Division administrator



Robyn Elliott

Robyn Elliott has been named administrator of the newly created Chickasaw Nation Division of Communications. Ms. Elliott will coordinate the activities of Media Relations, Web Development, Multimedia, Special Events and *the Chickasaw Times*.

Ms. Elliott holds a business administration degree from East Central University, Ada, Okla.

She is active in community affairs as a member of the Lion's Club, Ada Elks Lodge, and various other civic organizations. Ms. Elliott, who has been Director of Public Affairs for the tribe since June 2002, will continue to serve as Press Secretary.

"Robyn is very well suited for this position," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "She not only has a strong plan to keep Chickasaw citizens and others informed about the progress of the tribe, she has the energy, enthusiasm, knowledge, and creativity to effectively carry out that plan."

Media Relations works with outside media outlets to inform the public about tribal business growth and economic development activities and the positive

impact on the state economy. Media Relations also strives to keep Chickasaw citizens and others informed about the variety of programs and services offered by the tribe, many of which are available to general public.

Web Development designs and updates the Chickasaw Nation Web site, providing another avenue to help keep citizens and others informed about tribal activities, programs and services. The Web site also provides more extensive information about Chickasaw Nation government, history and culture.

Multimedia creates a variety of audio, video, print and productions, including documentary films, calendars, advertisements and other projects. The

multimedia department recently won a number of ADDY awards from the American Advertising Federation, including a Gold Addy for the documentary film *Remember*, which traces the history of the Chickasaw Nation. The group also won a bronze ADDY for the 2003 State of the Nation package, which included audio, video and live performance.

Special Events is responsible for coordinating a wide variety of activities and functions for the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival, which has won several outstanding event awards from the Oklahoma Department of Tourism. Special Events also plans and conducts a wide variety of events and activities including concerts and

entertainment as well as ground breaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies for tribal businesses and programs.

The Chickasaw Times, a monthly newspaper distributed to Chickasaw citizens and others throughout the United States and several foreign countries, helps inform readers about tribal government, business and cultural activities, as well as state and national news important to Chickasaws. The newspaper also includes feature stories and information about Chickasaw citizens, keeping readers updated on events from weddings and graduations to the achievements of citizens in all walks of life.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Barrick named administrator of Arts and Humanities Division



Lona Barrick

Lona Barrick has been named administrator of the newly created Division of Arts and Humanities.

The Division provides opportunities for individual artistic development and achievement and creates an awareness, understanding and enjoyment of Chickasaw visual, performing and literary arts.

Currently, the division offers four components including Arts in Education, Performing Arts, Graphic Arts and Design, and Chickasaw Humanities and Literary Arts. The humanities and literary arts component facilitates the Chickasaw Cle-

mente Humanities courses, a college level course offering comparative study of Chickasaw and western humanities. Arts in Education provides workshops and instruction to public schools, as well as after school art classes. Graphic Arts and Design is a service to other Chickasaw Nation departments and entities and the Performing Arts component includes storytelling, the Living History Players and the development of theatrical productions.

"The arts are an integral part of Chickasaw society and cultural expression," Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

"Lona is an excellent advocate for the arts and humanities and the important role they play in enhancing the lives of Chickasaw citizens. She has proven her leadership ability and her commitment to the Chickasaw Nation. We have some very exciting plans for the development in all areas of the arts, and in the important work of our humanities courses."

Ms. Barrick has an extensive background in arts, public relations and education. She has served as general manager of the Chickasaw Inn in Sulphur, Okla., where she developed the nation's tourism initiatives.

She has also served as director of public information and editor of *the Chickasaw Times*, the director of tourism, and prior to the new appointment, director of the Purcell Area Office.

Prior to coming to work for the nation in 1987, Ms. Barrick was public affairs director for KTEN-TV. She served as the public relations director for the Women's Resource Center in Norman and the YWCA in Oklahoma City. She was an instructor at Oklahoma City Southwestern College in Oklahoma City and taught speech at Byng (OK)

High School. She is a graduate of Lindsay (OK) High School, attended Oklahoma City University, earned her bachelor's degree in education from East Central University, Ada. She has completed graduate work in theatre at the University of Oklahoma.

Ms. Barrick serves on the board of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Ada Arts and Humanities Council and the Howard Meredith Pan American Indian Humanities Center. She serves as Governor's delegate to the

Five Civilized Tribes Museum and the Tri-County Indian Development Corporation. She has previously served on the board of the Jacobson House Native Art Center, Red Earth Board, Women's Resource Board, Oklahoma Travel Industry Association and Native American Journalists' Association. She was named an Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1985.

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Recognition planned for Chickasaws currently serving in U.S. military

Plans are under way to honor Chickasaw citizens who have served or are currently serving in any branch of the armed services as part of the war on terror since Sept. 11, 2001.

Special recognition is due all Chickasaw citizens who have been deployed for active duty overseas as well as those who serve in support roles overseas or in the United States.

If you know of Chickasaws who have recently returned home or are currently serving overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait or other overseas deployments or who have served or are serving active duty in the United States, please send the information to *the Chickasaw Times*.

Please include the name, rank and branch of service as well as the time, place and nature of service as well as any other

relevant information, such as medals, awards or special recognition, etc.

Send information to tony.choate@chickasaw.net or write to Tony Choate, the Chickasaw Nation, 520 East Arlington, Ada, OK 74821. Please respond by May 21, 2004.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Redman named administrator of tribal Education Division



Chris Redman

Carter Seminary director Chris Redman has been named administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education.

Mr. Redman, who has a master's degree in human resources

and bachelor's degree in business administration, has almost 15 years experience working with children and their families. He has worked for the tribe for more than five years.

Mr. Redman began his career with the Chickasaw Nation as manager of the vocational rehabilitation program and soon after assumed similar responsibilities with the Healthy Lifestyles program. He was appointed as special assistant to Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel in May 2000, and was appointed director of Carter Seminary in February 2001.

Mr. Redman is currently the president of the board of Ardmore's Communities in Schools program, Ardmore, Okla.

"Chris will be a valuable asset to our Education Division," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "His knowledge and experience working with students of all ages in a wide variety of academic settings makes Chris well qualified to lead the division."

A wide variety of programs and services are offered through the education division, including Head Start, Chickasaw Children's Village, higher education services, vocational education programs and more.

"Education has always been a high priority for our tribal leaders and the Chickasaw Nation has achieved a number of significant landmarks through

its educational programs," said Mr. Redman. "My mission is to continue the success of the division in helping Chickasaw citizens reach higher levels of achievement."

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Cravatt Family Reunion

11 a.m., July 4, 2004

Connerville Senior Site

All friends and family of the Cravatt Family of the Pontotoc (OK) area are invited to attend and encouraged to bring old family photographs. A potluck lunch will be served and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. For more information contact Jerry Sweet, (580) 310-0705 or Janeen Gray, (580) 332-8684.

Chickasaw businesses net income \$54 million for six months operation

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's

offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the past year or the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Some year-end adjustments have not been made.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2004

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$4.3 million for the month and \$23.5 million for the year.

Expenditures for the month were \$3.6 million and \$10.8 for the year to date which is slightly less than the budget for the six months. Expenditures for construction of fixed assets total \$2.7 for the month and \$4.1 million for the year to date. Current expenditures for fixed assets are included in fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$154.4 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$54 million for the year to date and was better than budget. Expenditures for fixed asset were \$5.3 million for the month and \$20.6 million year to date.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2004, the tribal gov-

million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$5.2 million is in the BIA Trust fund and \$1.6 million is reserved for construction projects approved by the legislature.

The businesses had \$43.6 million in cash and investments of which \$14.2 million is for accounts payable and \$16.4 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of March 31, 2004, tribe operations had assets totaling \$211.9 million with \$14.5 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$197.4 million compared to \$152.8 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$44.6 million. Beginning fund balances have been adjusted due to FY03 audit adjustment.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Government Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2004

	Total Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Net
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$4,300,000	\$0	\$4,300,000
Total Revenues	\$4,300,000	\$0	\$4,300,000
Expenditures			
General government	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
Education	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Health	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
Public works	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Police	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Fire	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
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'Wonderful opportunity' for Chickasaw stu-

Tribal Aviation and Space Academy applications available



Students at last year's CNASA show their excitement as they have their first opportunity to actually fly a plane.

ADA, Okla. - Applications are now available for the second annual Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) to be conducted June 7-11 and June 14-18 at the Ada municipal airport. The academy

is for Chickasaw students in fifth through twelfth grades. There is no charge for the academy.

Freshmen through sophomore students will attend the academy June 7-11 and students in fifth through eighth grades will at-

tend June 14-18.

Spaces are limited and applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. CNASA includes the opportunity to actually fly a single-engine airplane and visit the Oklahoma Air and Space Museum and the Federal Aviation Administration Aeronautical Center.

Participants will also have the opportunity to build and fly model rockets and model airplanes, as well as receive classroom training in fundamental concepts of aviation and space.

"We developed this camp as part of our commitment to making exciting educational opportunities available to Chickasaw students," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Our goal is to create an environment where these

young people are encouraged to consider careers in science and technology and inspired to pursue excellence.

"Our first year was a great success. Many of the students left camp thinking about careers they may have never considered before, and we expect this year's camp will expand the horizons of even more Chickasaw students."

Retired astronaut Charlie Dry, who grew up in Tishomingo, Okla., developed CNASA for the tribe.

Dry was a test astronaut during the Apollo phase of the NASA space program, testing virtually every piece of hardware and component that had to do with space flight.

He was instrumental in the development of the U.S. Space

Camp in Huntsville, Ala., and the Cosmosphere Space camp in Hutchison, Kan.

"My whole life right now is dedicated to the children, to give them some things we never had when we were kids," said Dry. "To give them some opportunities that they desperately need to make the break.

"My whole objective right now is to give these kids careers and let their minds think about where they're going and get them prepared for what's out there. And if they can get prepared at this age, then they have a wonderful opportunity."

For information or application, call (580) 421-7711.

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Chickasaw Nation dedicates new tribal District Court

ADA, Okla. - Ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Chickasaw Nation District Court April 13 at 1500 Country Club Road marked a major milestone in the resurgence of the tribal government.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby noted that his ancestor, Atchison Anoatubby, had served as a district court judge for the tribe before the drive toward statehood nearly eliminated tribal government.

"If we look to history we find that we're rising out of the ashes. There was an attempt to totally do away with the Chickasaw government," said Governor Anoatubby. "Not only the district court and the court system, but the Chickasaw legislature and the Chickasaw executive department.

"At the time, it looked like it was working. It hasn't. The law that was intended to do away with the Chickasaw Nation government, didn't work. So, we're back," added Gov. Anoatubby, whose remarks were met with hearty applause.

While the tribe's executive and legislative branches have become increasingly active and successful since the current Chickasaw Constitution was drafted in 1983, the judicial branch has been limited to a Chickasaw Supreme Court de-

signed to settle disputes between the executive and legislative branches of government.

Prior to the development of the Chickasaw Nation District court, which began hearing cases January 2 of this year, cases where the tribe had jurisdiction were referred to the court of Indian offenses, more commonly called CFR court.

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Barbara Smith, who helped develop the district court, gave some history of the development of tribal courts during a seminar in 2003.

She explained that while most Indian nations have had justice systems for thousands of years, many of those were suspended for a time in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Courts of Indian offenses came into being in the 1880s as a result of the federal government's dissatisfaction with a case decided by a traditional Dakota court on the Rosebud reservation in the 1880s. Those courts represented the primary justice system for tribes from the 1880s until the Indian Reorganization Act was passed in 1934.

Under that Act, tribes were encouraged to bring back their own laws and justice systems. Most tribes, however, could not afford to do so, and the CFR



Chickasaw Nation Governor Anoatubby, Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Barbara Smith, Chickasaw Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Eldred, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw District Court Judge Aaron Duck, District Judge Sherry Abbott-Todd, Ada District Judge Tom Landrith and Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Mark Colbert cut the ribbon to dedicate the Chickasaw Nation District Court.

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courts were prevalent for some time afterward.

A number of attorneys spent several years writing legislation to establish the Chickasaw Nation District Court.

While it was first thought the district court would initially hear only family law cases, it has taken over every kind of case previously under the jurisdiction of the CFR Court of Indian Offenses.

Since the opening of the court, 92 new cases have been filed and

900 cases have been transferred from the BIA CFR court.

Aaron Duck is judge for the district court.

"Up until October 2003, it was still my thinking that we were going to hear primarily divorce cases inside the tribe," said judge Duck. "About that time we learned that if we were going to take over any jurisdiction, we were going to take over all of it.

"We had about three months preparation to get ready to take

over all areas of court. When you go from hearing divorces to hearing all cases, that's a pretty daunting task. But everything has run very smoothly. We accepted the challenge. Our staff has done a good job."

Ada area attorney David Smith, who has been involved in a number of cases before the court, said that he is very impressed by the court and Judge Duck, who has "done an excellent job handling some very difficult cases."

Chickasaw Nation Senior Volunteer Awards presented to elders for service to tribal senior sites

ADA, Okla. - The 2004 Chickasaw Nation Senior Volunteer Awards presentation was April 21 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada. Over 300 seniors volunteered their time over the past year at various Chickasaw Nation senior sites. Many of the volunteers were recognized at the awards ceremony for their diligent work.

"Thank you all for volunteering and for helping better our senior sites," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby told volunteers.

Gov. Anoatubby presented each volunteer who had contributed more than 500 hours with a personalized clock. Volunteers with 300 to 499 hours of service received a personalized double pen set, and 100 to 299 hours of volunteering earned each senior a personalized single pen set. Those who volunteered from 50 to 99 hours each received a personalized mug and volunteers with 1 to 49 hours received a certificate for their service.

Those who volunteered their time were:

Over 500 hours of service - Henry Patrick, Phercella Wells, Virginia Bowers, Mike Jefferson, Jessie Kale, Lou Norman, Flora Perry, Dean Starns, Virginia Edwards, Bessie Smith, Pearl Williams, Marcia Jones, Yvonne Harper, Guy Eva Stowers, Ella Ross, Ruby Adkins, Lee Crossley and Lenora Hobbs.

300 to 499 hours of service - Bernice Patrick, Mildred Green, Ginger Paulk, Morgan Wells, Carl Brown, Ben Willis, Loretta Willis, Pauline Adkins, Sue Richards, Bonnie Stowers, Ruby Cardinal, Shirley Duncan, Wanda Farrow, Floyd Parnacher, Lottie Routzong and Sadie Hearrell.

100 to 299 hours of service - Doy Battles, Clark Cogburn, Betty Jo Dees, Elnaora Fullerton, Mary Jo Green, June Greenwood, Sophia Perry, Alice Phillips, Bill Quincy, Alma Lillard, Bencie Lillard, Nadine Owens, Beulah Shavney, Carol Stout, Dorothy Holt, Bob Jacks, Nadine Lewis, Winnie McNeely, Leola Miler, Catherine Pendergraft, Lillian Underwood, Winnie Bennett, Wilma Foster, Leona Leslie, Derron Stowers, Joyce Campbell, Wilson

Parker, Loyd Ross, Joanne Parker, Jessie Sandefur, Ethel Brooksher, Leo Cardinal, Jean Earles, Helen Parnacher, Betty Robinson, Catherine Roller, Claudie Somers, Laverl Somers, Virginia Sullivan, Ernestine Tolleson, JoAnn Wallace, Mark Wallace, Etna Cooke, Bonnie Danyear, Carol Davis, Lajanta Nelson, Lillie Ward, Yvonne Alberson, Mary Alexander, Rebecca Kingsbery, Hiawatha Reed, Shirley Tims, Melba Love and Ruthie Ellis.

50 to 99 hours of service - Melba Love, Bertha Allen, Mary Cole, Carol Davis, Nell Goforth, Sim Greenwood, Bernita Horton, Bob Horton, Doris Jordan, Beulah McGalliard, Claude Miller, Joann Miller, Margaret Melville, Ann Thompson, Leon Thompson, Bill Goforth, Georgeina Brown, Laverne Johnson, Douglas Kale, Don Miller, Wilma Watson, Jane Reading, Jim Reed, Jocleta Cross, Yvonne Johnson, Gary Krebs, Roy Panther, Wanda Russell, Mabel Tiger, George Johnson, Betty Krebs, Dora Panther, Richard Russell, Jack Smith, Bruce Williams, Winnie Burris, Ed Haden, Ruby Haden, Cleo Sandefur, Charles Sisson, Oscar Goodman, Frank Potts, Gayle Mitchell, Earnest Guess, Katherine McGuire, Juanita Thomas, Freda Waldroup, Edna Baken, Hanna Corsello, Rick Corsello, Ruby James, Rosie Sisson, O.C. Beshirs and Levi Edwards.

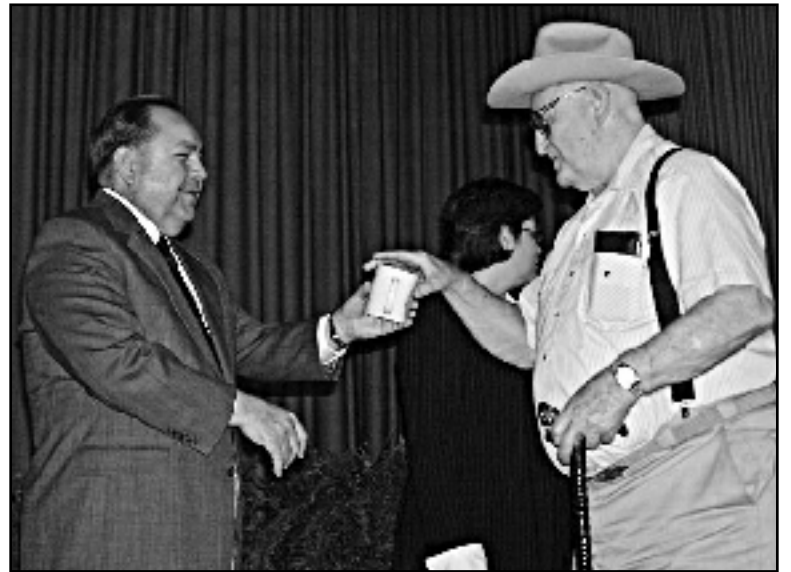
1 to 49 hours of service - Mary Ahtone, Pauline Alexander, Sam Alexander, Harriet Amerman, Mary Amos, Diann Anoatubby, Russel Anoatubby, Delilah Arterberry, Betty Baptiste, Robert Baptiste, Katherine Barrick, Helen Bartlett, Diane Battles, Billy Beshirs, Geneva Bivens, Jim Blue, Betty Bradley, Lloyd Bradley, Letha Breed, Larry Brockshear, James Browder, Judy Browder, Pauline Brown, Vinola Brown, Johnny Brown, Helen Bryant, Onita Carnes, Jimmie Carstarphen, Larry Carstarphen, Othella Carter, V.E. Carter, Pat Chambers, Buck Cheadle, Wanda Columbus, Wanda Connelly, Linda Cook, Artie Cooper, Jeannie Coplin, Grace Cotton, Josie Crow, JoAnn Darter, Ralph Darter,

Hawaii Davidson, Joyce Davis, Richard Davis, Russell Davis, Shirley Denham, Melva Dillard, Jimmie Duffy, Dawatha Easterling, Betty Edwards, Leon Edwards, Pat Elmore, Mary Felkins, Dale Felkins, Wilkie Frazier, Gladys Freeman, John Gardner, J.L. Green, Lou Greenlee, Lorene Greenwood, Monette Greenwood, Betty Griffith, Mary Hayes, Rosalie Imotichey, Janis Imotichey, Jerry Imotichey, Melvin Ivins, Rita Ivins, Barney James, Mary James, Rose Jefferson, Susan Jim, Tia Juanna John, Etta Johnson, James Johnson, Susie Keel, Lucille Keith, Robert Keith, Lydia Kilcrease, Alice Kimberlin, JoAnn King, Wayne King, Flora Kirk, Mary Knight, Wanda Lewis, Kenneth Lewis, Sandy Loman, Asynthia Long, L.D. Love, Ollie Lowrence, Jessie Lynch, Loretta Marler, Letha Marris, Celia Martin, Nicky McCormick, Dalila McKee, Ruby McKinney, Newton Melville, Virginia Miers, Tom Miller, Juanita Moody, Margaret Moore, Claburn Nelson, Wilma Nelson, Bill Newman, Irene Newman, Mary L. Nickell, John Norvell, Perry Norvell, Buck Owens, Fannie Parker, Eleanor Patton, Daniel Payne, Molly Perry, Bill Pettigrew, J.C. Poe, Doris Postoak, John Puller, June Purcell, Mavis Quincy, John Reading, Sue Ross, Delphia Samis, Wanda Scribner, Bernie Seeley, Velma Seeley, June Sellers, Floyd Shipman, Glenda Singleton, Lula Smith, Alton Smith, Lou Smith, Beverly Stick, Merle Stick, Kathleen Stoner, Melvin Stoner, Bessie Swan, Charles Tate, Amos Taylor, Elsie Taylor, Mary L. Taylor, Josephine Taylor, Beatrice Tekubie, Elizabeth Thompson, Bill Timothy, Don Tims, Billy Wade, Jay Waldroup, Pauline Walker, Mary Wall, Pam Wallace, Marte Watson, Pearline Welch, Murl Welch, Pat Whaley, Dorothy Whitfield, Marion Whitfield, Jessie Williams, Violet Winters, Lillie Wisdom, Catherine Wood, Bud Woods and Betty Woods.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby presents Sim Greenwood with his volunteer service award.

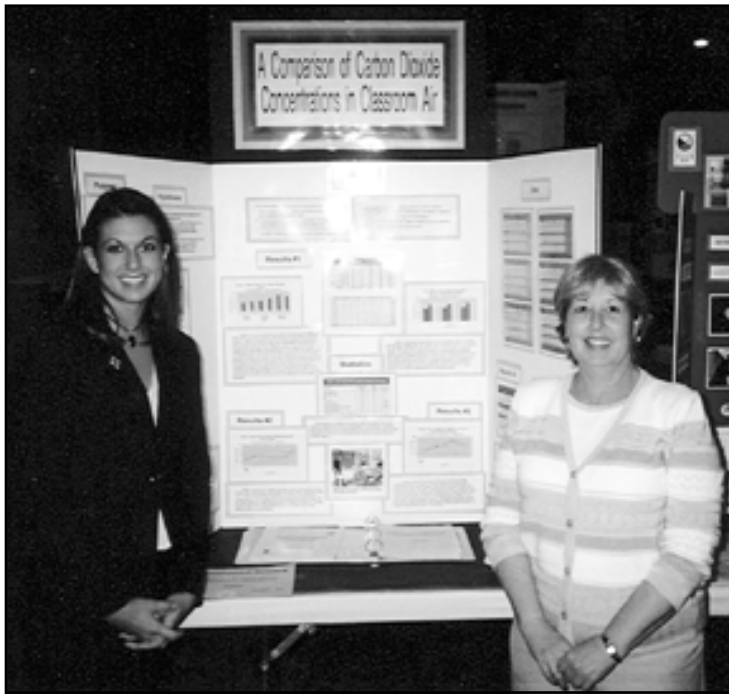


Gov. Anoatubby presents Earnest Guess his volunteer service award.



Gov. Anoatubby presents Nadine Lewis her volunteer service award. Assisting with the ceremony is Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging administrator Karen Cook.

Chickasaw student Grand Award winner at Indian Science & Engineering Fair



Casey Chatfield, left, in front of her National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair presentation. At right is her mother, Lynn Chatfield.

Casey Chatfield, Chickasaw and a senior at Byng (OK) High School competed in the National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair (NAISEF) in Albuquerque, N.M., March 25 - 27, 2004.

Miss Chatfield was selected as one of six Grand Award winners from more than 400 students from across the United States for the presentation of her research, *A Comparison of Carbon Dioxide Concentrations in Classroom Air*. She will represent NAISEF, which is sponsored by the American Indian Science & Engineering Society, in the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair in Portland, Ore., May 9 - 15, 2004.

Miss Chatfield also won the following NAISEF category and special awards: First place medal in 12th grade Environ-

mental Science, \$200 Intel Excellence in Environmental Health & Safety Award, Army Grand Award medallion, \$100 AT&T Foundation Award for Environmental Science, \$250 IBM Award, USDA Award, and \$50 second place award in 12th grade mathematics contest.

She was selected as a Pathways Student, a \$500 award for NAISEF participation, and invited to apply for a \$500 travel stipend to attend the 2004 National AISES Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, next November.

Miss Chatfield was accompanied by her science research teacher, Deborah Cornelison and her mother, Lynn Chatfield. Her trip was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and Byng Schools.

Chickasaw ballplayer named basketball Deaf All-American



Rebecca Greenwood, center, with her parents, Buster and Vicki Greenwood.

The National Fraternal Society for the Deaf (FRAT) recently announced the elite roster for basketball Deaf All-American.

Rebecca Greenwood, a Chickasaw and junior at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, was among the 10 selected nationwide as members of the first team. Kelsey Jones, a sophomore at OSD, was named to the second

team. The OSD Lady Indians, coached by Terry Gregory and Gayle Luna, were rated eighth in the nation with a 13-8 season record.

Rebecca is a three-year starter and team captain who plays point guard for the Lady Indians. As a junior, she has over 1,000 career points. Rebecca leads the team in scoring average and field

goal percentage. She averages 17.4 points and six rebounds per game. Her field goal percentage is 52.8.

A steady performer, Rebecca scored 37 points against Olney Public School's varsity team this year, the second-highest point total in her career.

The Lady Indians won second place in the four-state Leopard Classic basketball tournament in Little Rock, Arkansas. They also won second in the eight-state Great Plains Schools for the Deaf tournament in Fulton, Missouri. Rebecca was named to the all-tournament team for both tournaments and her skills contributed greatly to the wins. She is truly one of OSD's outstanding athletes!

Rebecca is the daughter of Buster and Vicki Greenwood, of Fittstown, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Lorene Greenwood and Ben Hooper and the niece of Juhree Greenwood and Linda Hooper, all of Fittstown.

Chickasaw home school ballplayers compete in national tournament



Cole Meeks

Cole and Kayla Meeks, Chickasaws and members of the Oklahoma City Knights home school basketball program, recently competed in the National Christian Homeschool Athletic Association National Basketball Tournament in Wichita, Kan. Eighteen teams from 12 states competed in the annual contest.

Cole is a starting forward on the junior high boys team. The boys were undefeated in a tournament field of eight teams.

Their final game was against the Nashville Warriors. After several lead changes, the Knights emerged victorious with a final score of 50-44. This was the first National Tournament win for a Knights junior high boys team.

Kayla is a starting guard on the OKC Lady Knights varsity team. The Lady Knights were also undefeated in the tournament. After defeating teams from Bellevue, Neb., Manhattan, Kan., Atlanta, Nashville, Tenn., and Denver, the Lady Knights met the Wichita Warriors in the championship game.

The Lady Warriors had beaten the Lady Knights six times in the last three years. Led by Kayla Meeks' three-point shooting 5-for-12 and a team high 26 points, the OKC Lady Knights defeated the Warriors for the National title, 58-49. This was the second National Title for the Lady Knights.

At the closing ceremonies, Kayla was named to the All-Tournament team. She was also a member of the 2001 Junior



Kayla Meeks

High Girls National Championship team. Cole and Kayla's older sister, Alicia, played on the first OKC Lady Knights National Championship team in 1998.

Alicia, Kayla and Cole are the children of Kevin and Janice Meeks, of Tuttle, Okla., and the grandchildren of Don and Laruth Meeks, of Ada, Okla. Their great-grandmother was the late Bygimie Parker, original enrollee and full-blood

Births

Lawrence Dean and Patsy Stutte, of Wichita Falls, Texas, are the proud adoptive parents of a baby girl, Grace Gianina Stutte, on January 3, 2004.

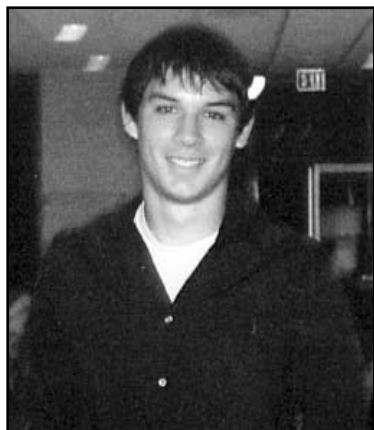
She weighed 6 lbs., 7 ozs., and measured 18.5 inches.

Grace is the granddaughter of Irene (Williams) Stutte,

Clarita, Okla.

Welcoming her arrival were three aunts, Nancy Lynn (Stutte) Spier, Castle, Okla., Nanette (Stutte) Bryant, Norman, Okla., and Jeanie Stutte, Jones, Okla.; and her three cousins, Alex and Tucker Spier and Brianne Bryant.

Chickasaw student tops in Seminole science fair



Kyle Goodnight

Kyle Goodnight participated in the 2004 Regional Science and Engineering Fair conducted at Seminole State College, Seminole, Okla.

Kyle's science project was titled, *The Effects of Temperature Change on Speed of Sound in a Sound Chamber*.

He was awarded first place in the Senior High Division. He received a certificate of achievement from the United States Army for Outstanding Science project exhibit, received a certificate from Yale Science & Engineering Association Inc., for Most Outstanding Eleventh

Grade Exhibit in Computer Science, Engineering, Physics, or Chemistry, and received the United States Air Force's Technology Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Technology Education.

On April 3, 2004 he presented his science project at the 2004 State Science and Engineering Fair conducted at East Central University, Ada, Okla., and placed second in the Division 1 Engineering Category receiving a monetary award of \$75. He received a Special Award and placed second in the Senior Division from the AVS Science

and Technology Society New Mexico Chapter. Kyle received a certificate and monetary award of \$200. His science teacher, Lynn Hollingsworth, representing Ada (OK) High School,

received a matching award.

Kyle is Chickasaw and a junior at Ada High School. He is the son of Stan and Karen Goodnight. He has two sisters, Madie and Katie Goodnight.

Plainview Governor's Honor

Plainview School JOM students were recently recognized for the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Club.

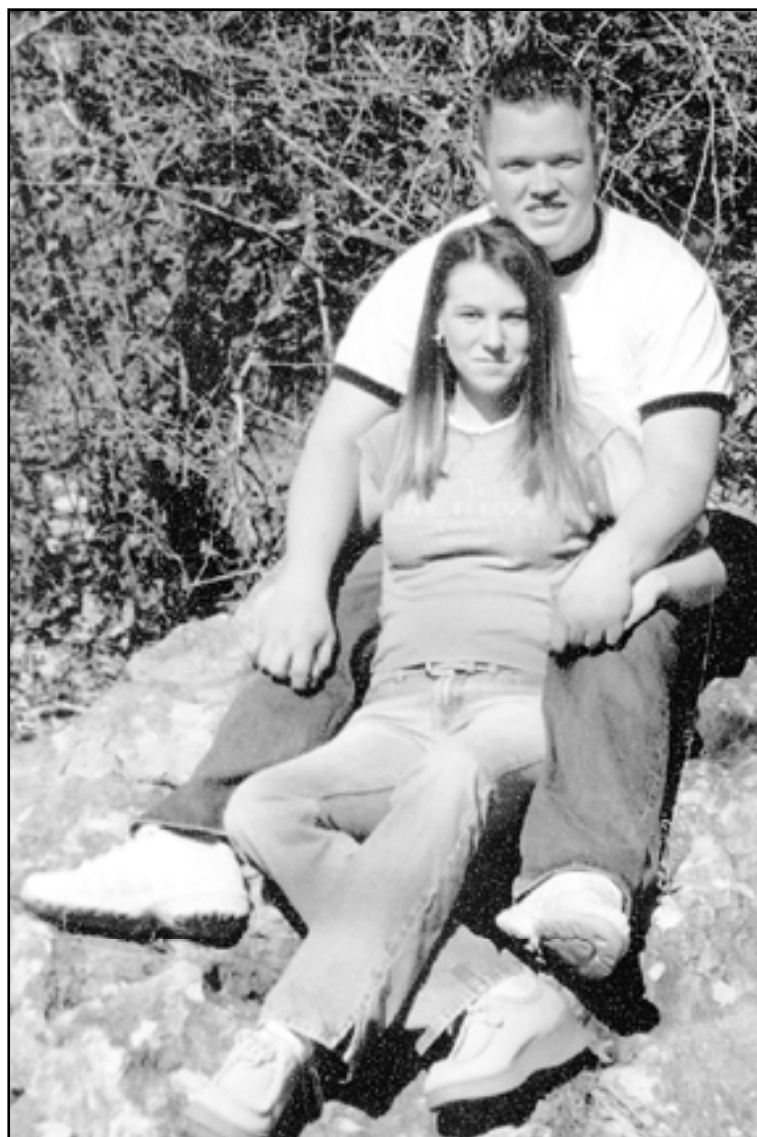
All A's: High School - Chelsea Aldridge, Allison Biddick, Jonathan Fisher, Brett Stidham and Rachel Williams; Middle School - Melody May; Elementary - Lauren Bruton and Tyler Thompson.

A's & B's: High school - Kaitlin Aldridge, Jessica Bean, Cole Craddock, Hollie Henson, Dillon Lawson, Crystal May, Kristyn Noland, Julia Roberts and Jamie Vladyka; Middle school

- Jeff Biddick, Gray Campbell, Loren Felts, William Hamm, Ethan Hartman, Kala Hensley, Dave Kittrell, Dylan Mitchell, Charity Schofield and Jordan Volino; Elementary - Meagan Gaines, Brooke Gentry, Corissa Lee, Cohen McKinzie, Jacey Robertson, Kourtney Ross, Jessica Ryan, Alec Smith, Jade Southerland, Haley Todd, Rachel Vance and Sam Waters.

Students achieving all A's receive a gift certificate for \$25. Those achieving A's and B's receive \$10 gift certificates.

Butler, Wallace to wed June 12 at Madill



Andrea Michelle Butler and Nickolas Ray Wallace

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Butler, all of Madill. She is the great-granddaughter of Juanita Ellexson, Madill.

She is a 2003 graduate of Madill High School and is attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla., majoring in elementary education.

She is currently employed with Wal-Mart Super Center in Durant.

Nickolas is the son of Tony and Shelly Wallace, of Madill. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. J.D. McCuiston, of Oklahoma City and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wallace, of Madill. He is the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Wallace and Juanita Qualls, all of Madill.

He is a 2003 graduate of Madill High School and is attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring to be a certified safety professional.

He is currently employed by Wal-Mart Super Center in Durant and also operates Wallace Lawn Care.

Family and friends are invited to attend the wedding ceremony planned for Saturday, June 12, 2004 at 1 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Madill.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

ing marriage of their children.

Andrea is the daughter of Andy and Rhonda Butler, of Madill. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kemp and

The parents of Andrea Michelle Butler and Nickolas Ray Wallace, both of Madill, Okla., are excited to announce the engagement and upcoming

JOM State Conference



From left, Waylon Cotanny, Robert Pickens, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Beth Campbell and John Impson attend the Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) State Conference conducted March 22 - 25, 2004 at Tulsa.

5th Annual Sealy Family Reunion

Saturday, May 15, 2004; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chickasaw National Recreation Park

Sulphur, Oklahoma

The following families are encouraged to attend: Sealys, Browns, Cravattes, Underwoods and Jeffersons.

A noon potluck dinner will be served. Various games will be played.

For more information contact: LeRoy Sealy (405) 325-9628 or Robin Fulsom (580) 436-2169.



Tribal Multimedia group honored for production of *Remember*

Chickasaw Multimedia, the creative arm of the Chickasaw Nation, has recently been honored with a highly-prized "Addy."

The Addy is the highest award presented by the Oklahoma City Ad Club. Addys are awarded annually in several areas, including television, radio, newspaper, sales promotion, direct marketing and elements of advertising.

Competition is among the largest and best-recognized advertising agencies, design

studios and other producers of images in the state.

Chickasaw Multimedia received a Gold Addy for its production of "Remember," the video presentation of the Chickasaw story.

Chickasaw Multimedia contributors recognized with the Gold Addy were creative director David Ballard; executive producer Jason Perry; director Joey Lansdale; director of photography Jerrell Newby; production manager Jered Cartwright; and production assistant Genie

Reid.

Chickasaw Multimedia received a Bronze Merit Award in the elements of advertising category for its production of the Chickasaw Nation 2002 Progress Report: Timeline, Trail of Tears. Contributors included tribal photographer Jerrell Newby.

Chickasaw Multimedia also

received a Bronze Merit Award in the public service category for its production of the 2003 Chickasaw Nation State of the Nation presentation, "Heroes, Legends and Dreams." Contributors included executive producer Jason Perry; creative director David Ballard; creative developers Jeannie Barbour and Brian Brashier; production

manager Jered Cartwright; director/editor Joey Lansdale; editor/videographer Robbie Blair; special effects/editing David Renke; director of photography Jerrell Newby; key grip/special effects Josh Newby; production assistant Genie Reid; and administrative assistant Linda Underwood.

Chickasaw rider is only five, doing well in the rodeo arena



Ryleigh Webb

A young Chickasaw rider is performing well on the junior rodeo circuit.

Five-year-old Ryleigh Webb, of Bristow, Okla., participated in the Hooley Dotson Memorial Junior rodeo in October, 2003 at Braggs, Okla.

Ryleigh rode in the seven-and-under division and competed in barrel racing, flag

race and pole bending, as well as the six-and-under mutton bustin'. She won first place in barrel racing and brought home the championship buckle. She also placed second in mutton bustin' and received a buckle as well.

Ryleigh is a kindergarten student at Gypsy Elementary School.

Her parents are Scooter and Carla Webb, of Bristow. Her grandparents are Margaret Chadwick, Sapulpa, Okla., John and De Duerson, of Midwest City, Okla., Eddie and Sue Webb, of Porum, Okla., and Diana Webb, Bristown.

Her great-grandparents are J.W. and Betty Chadwick, of Mill Creek, Okla., and Carl and Gwen duerson, of Savanna, Okla.

Her great-great-grandparents are the late Otis and Margaret Chadwick, of Mill Creek.

San Antonio community council to host June golf tournament

SAN ANTONIO - The Chickasaw Community Council of San Antonio will host a golf tournament June 11 in San Antonio.

The tournament will benefit the council's Adopt-A-Marine project.

Following the tournament, the council will conduct its summer meeting.

The tournament and meeting will be at Canyon Springs golf

course. The tournament will kick off with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. The summer meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The council is seeking corporate sponsors and volunteers for the tournament.

The council has been providing "comfort packages" for village children in Iraq. The packages of small toys and candy are shipped to servicemen in Iraq for distribution to the children.

Chickasaw girl named March of Dimes Ambassador

A Chickasaw girl has been named a March of Dimes WalkAmerica Ambassador in Oklahoma.

Four-year-old Sierra Jade Brown, of Wewoka, Okla., represents the Green Country division of Oklahoma's WalkAmerica. Sierra is a Head Start student.

Sierra came into the world by an emergency Caesarean

section delivery. She developed complications and was airlifted to Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City, where she was treated for hypoglycemia and cardiomyopathy.

Fortunately for Sierra, her health is now excellent. She is a vivacious, active and inquisitive student.

Sierra is the daughter of Wendy Harrison, of Wewoka, and

Greg Brown, of Shawnee, Okla. Her grandparents are William and Carol Harrison, and Linda Brown, of Wewoka, and Albert Burdine, of Konawa, Okla.

Sierra is a descendant of William Harrison, Sr., Serena Colbert Hulsey and Mollie Underwood Owens.

All Chickasaw Nation voters please complete the form below if you have moved or your address is a new 911 address. Mail to the address below.

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Chickasaw woman on USA shuffleboard team



Helen (Maytubby) Bell, second from right on back row, is competing as a member of the U.S. shuffleboard team.

A Chickasaw woman has recently competed in an international shuffleboard tournament.

Helen (Maytubby) Bell, of California, competed for the United States in the International Shuffleboard Association Tournament. The three nations

in the women's division were the U.S., Canada and Japan.

Mrs. Bell was also a member of the 2000 U.S. team which won the tournament.

The 2004 tournament was conducted March 15-20 at Mesa, Ariz. In 2005, the tournament will be hosted by Brazil, and

Mrs. Bell will once again be competing to gain a spot on the U.S. team.

Mrs. Bell says it is a great honor to represent the Chickasaw Nation as a player for the U.S. Her hope is that one day Oklahoma will organize a shuffleboard organization and

Gov. Anoatubby to be honored by Founda-

NORMAN, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby will be honored by the Oscar Jacobson Foundation during the Foundation's annual Pony Moon Gala May 14.

Gov. Anoatubby is to be recognized for his success as an Indian businessman and tribal leader.

The Oscar Jacobson Foundation

operates the Jacobson House Native Art Center in Norman. A silent auction will be conducted during which attendees may bid on American Indian fine art and other items. The dinner will be followed by a social dance.

The Jacobson House is on the

National Register of Historic Places and is an Oklahoma State Centennial Site.

For more information, contact Jacobson House at (405) 366-1667. The Oscar Jacobson Foundation is a non-profit educational organization.

Archery shoot, horseshoe tourney set for Chi Ka

An archery shoot and horseshoe tournament will both be conducted during this year's Chi Ka Sha Reunion at Kullihoma.

The archery shoot will begin at 1:30 p.m. on June 26. The two categories are compound bow, and long bow/recurve. First, second and third places will be awarded. There is no entry fee for the event.

The horseshoe tournament will begin at 2 p.m. on June 26. The tournament will be a double-elimination format and will have both doubles and singles categories. First, second and third places will be awarded. Trophies and gift certificates

will be presented.

The tournament will be at the Kullihoma ballpark.

Kullihoma is located east of Ada, Okla. Go seven miles northeast on State Highway 1,

then three miles east and one mile south.

For more information on these events, contact the tribal Cultural Resources department at (580) 332-8685.

Elders' Day, Stomp Dance

Elders' Day and the First Stomp Dance are scheduled for May 7 and 8, 2004 at Kullihoma.

Kullihoma is located seven miles northeast of Ada, Okla., on State Highway 1, then three miles east and one mile south.

On May 7 the opening cere-

mony will begin at 10 a.m. with the Chickasaw Color Guard, prayer, welcome, followed by Voices of Culture. Lunch will be served at noon.

On May 8 the stickball game will begin at 4 p.m. The social dance will be from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., and the stomp dance will begin at midnight.

Babysitters College applications available

The Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health is coordinating the Babysitters College on May 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The seminar will be conducted at the Diabetes Center in Ada.

The application deadline is May 18. Applications can be picked up in Behavioral Health at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital. Only the first 20 children to register will be accepted. To be eligible to attend the college, children must be 12 to 18 years old, must be Native American, or the child of a Chickasaw Nation employee.

Participants must attend both

days to receive the completion certificate. Meals and snacks will also be provided.

If you are interested in attending the Babysitters College, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 436-3980 extension 82261.

If at least eight teenagers are interested, a Babysitters College is scheduled for the week of May 23 in Tishomingo. If you are interested in the Tishomingo Babysitters College contact Carpitche or Nancy Boston at (580) 371-2362.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Walker, Lewis to wed



Ashley Walker and Michael Lewis

Michael is the grandson of Charles and Rose Blankenship and the great-grandson of the late Ed and Cecile Blankenship. His Chickasaw ancestry can be traced back to his great-great-grandfather Willie S. Vail.

Michael is self-employed as a real estate agent in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Michael and Ashley will be married June 12, 2004 at Grapevine, Texas.

Ashley is the daughter of George and Faye Walker, of Coldwater, Miss.

Crystal Lewis of Corinth, Texas, is proud to announce the engagement of her son, Michael Lewis to Ashley Walker.

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Matthew Atteberry

Matthew Atteberry will celebrate his sixth birthday, May 6, 2004.

He is the son of Robert and Dana Atteberry and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Winnie Blocker.

He is a sports enthusiast, participating in baseball, basketball and kids football. His wit and charm endears him to all of us. He attends kindergarten at Shadow Oaks school, Kingwood, Texas.

Submitted by Louise Haddock, his great-grandmother.



Alyssa and Aysia Carter



Alyssa and Aysia Carter are the daughters of Gerry and Kelly Carter.

Alyssa and Aysia are a real source of pride and joy to their family and relatives.

Gerry and Kelly endured many problems during Kelly's pregnancies. She had to live in the hospital for the last month to be able to give birth to Aysia.

Both girls were premies and weighed just over 3 lbs., each at birth.

Alyssa is 7 1/2 years old, doing very well in school and very sharp in her abilities.

Aysia is 3 1/2 months old and weighs over ten pounds and is a lively, healthy baby.

The joy of having these two daughters and their fine progress is a source of real pride to Gerry and Kelly.

Kelly Carter is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Winnie Neighbors Blocker.

Chloe Miller

Chloe Ella Grace Miller is the daughter of Marsha Miller.

She is my little angel sent from heaven by Papa Miller. I am blessed to have her in my life. I love you!



Shecona and Kaden Gilmore



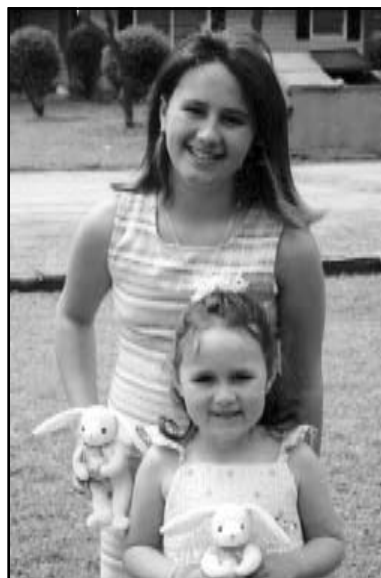
Shecona, 5, and Kaden, 22-months, Gilmore are the sons of Nick and Tina Gilmore. They are the grandsons of Fred and Ronda Drawbaugh. They are the great-grandsons of Beverly Tallbird and the great-great-grandsons of Erie Cravatt.

Shecona is in kindergarten at Homer (OK) Elementary School and he really enjoys school. So much so that he want to go on Saturday and Sundays. He is very active in sports and enjoys his teacher Mrs. Dallen. He enjoys making preparations for "Show and Tell" and loves to tell his class mates about his subject matter.

Kaden goes to TLC (Tender Loving Care) for his introduction and orientation into the world of ABC's. He especially enjoys sitting with his classmates and dining together. Right now he hesitates to take naps while at TLC. But his teacher, Ms. Holly, states that he is the best kid "who never gives an ounce of trouble to anyone."

They are our pride and joy and my great-grandsons.

Kayla and Neely Wood



Kayla Jo and Neely Alexis Wood are the daughters of Patricia and Scott Wood. They are the granddaughters of Phyllis Seymore and Larry and Eugenia Wood of Tishomingo, Okla.

Kayla Jo is a very beautiful, intelligent and talented girl. She is very competitive and excels in everything that she puts her mind to. She is an achiever!

Neely is also beautiful and smart but she's also quite different than her big sister. She's a hard-headed, not a care in the world, curly-headed little clown. She can always make you laugh and never wants to go to bed.

My girls have been a true blessing to me. Kayla and Neely have helped me through so much and I couldn't image life without them. They aren't always angels but that's what I love about them. I love you girls more than you will ever know.

Mom

Thank you for all the
'Pride and Joy'
submissions!



Wyatt Wall, Piper Adair, Nikia Adair, Livy Greenwood, Jackson Greenwood, Toby Catron, Nuk Greenwood, Mahli Herrera and Jared Greenwood



Our Pride and Joy gathered at Granny Greenwood's house, Latta, Okla., for Easter.

Wyatt Wall is the son of Linda Greenwood, Pine Ridge, S.D. and Steve Wall, Ardmore, Okla.; Piper and Nikia Adair are the daughters of Mariah and David Adair, Tahlequah, Okla.; Olivia and Jackson Greenwood are the children of Lynn and Dewayne Greenwood, Blanchard, Okla.; Toby Catron is the son of Dianne and Dale Catron, Tishomingo, Okla.; Nuk Greenwood is the son of Chiefy Greenwood, Tahlequah; Mahli Herrera is the son of Sara Herrera, Ada, Okla.; and Jared Greenwood is the son of Tami and Ric Greenwood, Ada.

An Easter egg hunt, food, and naps lasted for most of the day. Everybody had a Hoppy Easter!

First row from left, Wyatt Wall, Piper Adair, Nikia Adair, Livy Greenwood. Second row from left, Jackson Greenwood, Toby Catron, Nuk Greenwood, Mahli Herrera, Jared Greenwood.

Tia Jene, Kenneth Allen and Matthew Sherman Pickens

My niece and nephews have reached a few milestones. My niece, Tia Jene Pickens, turned 13-years-old on March 3, 2004. She is a member of MESA, a gifted students program at Jackie Robinson Academy, Long Beach, Calif.

My nephew, Kenneth Allen, will be 14 years old on April 27, 2004. He will graduate from Jackie Robinson Academy and attending Robert A. Millikan High School in the fall. He is also a member of MESA.

My little Bubba, Matthew Sherman, turned five on October 14, 2004 and started kindergarten at his siblings' school. He is one brave smart kid!

They are the children of Craig and Alayne (Archie) Pickens. They are the grandchildren of Daphne Brown and the great-grandchildren of Lillie (Martin) Brown and the late Otto Brown, Sr.. They are the great-great-grandchildren of the late Jesse and Elsie (McGee) Brown.

They are the pride and joy of their aunts: Sandra D Pickens, Jennifer and Jene' Fields.



Sam and Tessa Manning



Sam and Tessa Manning will graduate from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, on May 8, 2004.

Sam, 22, is the son of Jimmy and Patsi Manning. He is the grandson of James and the late Joan Manning and the late Charles and Phyllis Adams. He will graduate with a bachelor's of science in elementary education. He has been named to the President's Honor Roll on numerous occasions.

He plans to begin his student teaching in the fall to complete his teaching certification requirements. Afterwards he would like to teach third grade.

Tessa, 22, is the daughter of Cindy and Danny Walker and Joe Burgess.

She is the granddaughter of Zoe and the late Joe Lee and Byron and Bobbie Burgess.

She will graduate with a bachelor's of science in biochemistry. She is a member of the Honors College and sustained 4.0 GPA every semester. She was named Junior Student of the Year and Chemistry Student of the Year and has received the Riviera Award for Outstanding Literature.

She plans to attend medical school in the fall at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.



Nicole McNaire

Nicole Haley McNaire, 2 1/2, is the daughter of Anthony McNaire. She is the granddaughter of Randy and Cindi Taraba and Mike and Kathy McNaire.

She is her grandparents pride and joy. She loves to play outside and root for the best college team around, the Oklahoma Sooners!

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Marcus Tartsah



Marcus Lee Tartsah is a 2004 graduate of Roff High School, Roff, Okla. He is the son of Vicky and Bill Gold and Buddy Tartsah. He is the grandson of the late Gladys Allen Greenwood, Lewis Sweet and the late Alfred and Elvira Tartsah. He has two sisters Melissa Tartsah Morgan and husband Scott and Rachael Tartsah.

Marcus has been active in the Chickasaw Nation Pontotoc Youth Council, serving as president and secretary of the Chickasaw Nation Pontotoc Youth Council. He was co-writer of the *Celebrate Fitness* grant to promote fitness in Native American youths. He has attended numerous UNITY/Celebrate Fitness Conferences in Michigan, California, West Virginia, Oklahoma and the state of Washington representing the Chickasaw Nation. He is a previous summer youth worker for the Chickasaw Nation and was nominated to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and the National Honor Roll. While at Roff High School he was active in baseball, basketball and a member of the yearbook staff. In his senior year he was a member of the RHS basketball team that placed runner-up at the Class A State Tournament. Marcus attended Latta (OK) High School his freshman and sophomore years and was an active member of the DECA organization, basketball, golf and FCA. He is employed at Ada's SuperCenter WalMart.

Marcus plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a degree in business.

Casey Chatfield



Casey Renee' Chatfield is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Bruce and Lynne Chatfield. She is the granddaughter of Alice Lowrance, Mary Current, Gerald Current and Bob and Teresa Chatfield.

Casey been a varsity cheerleader for three years. She has maintained a 4.3 GPA and is graduating first in her class. She is currently serving as vice president of Business Professionals of America, is a member of the math club, BETA, National Honor Society, Oklahoma High School Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, and the Governor's Honor Roll. She has participated in science fair and Oklahoma Junior Academy of Science for four years. She was selected Ada Kiwanis and Ada

Rotary Student of the month and is serving on First National Bank's Student Board of Directors.

Her future plans include attending East Central University, Ada, Okla., and majoring in bio-medical sciences or accounting and later transferring to Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Katherine Billing



Katherine Ann Billing is a 2004 graduate of Ledyard High School, Gales Ferry, Conn. She is the daughter of Paul and Susan Billing and the granddaughter of Roberta and Clare Billing. Katherine is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee William Hawkins.

She was on the junior varsity swim team in her freshman year, swam varsity and obtained her varsity letter in her sophomore, junior and senior years. She received her varsity letter in gymnastics. An accomplished pianist, she enjoys playing guitar, working and shopping. She works part-time caring for children with special needs and plans to attend college in Connecticut and pursue a career in special education.

Kate is a beautiful, intelligent hard working young

Sasha BigHair

Sasha Marie BigHair is a 2004 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Lucinda and Kevin McWilliams and the late Lamont BigHair. She is the granddaughter of Toni Leader.

During her high school career she has maintained a 3.69 GPA and is ranked 12 of 66 in her graduating class. Other honors include: Lions Club Senior of the Month (October 2003), National Honor Roll, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Roll, named Junior Musician of the Year and Sophomore Athlete of the Year. School activities she has been involved in are: Tishomingo Lady Indian varsity basketball team for three years, varsity track for two years, high school band for four years and the Native American Club for four years. She has been involved with the Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo District Youth Council for four years, which she presently serves as president.

She has been accepted to Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, where she plans to major in pre-med. She then plans to attend the University of Oklahoma Medical School and work in the area of medical research or forensics.

Sasha would like to thank the Tishomingo High School faculty for their excellent teaching and wonderful guidance. Another thank you to all her family and friends who have supported her through out the years.



Scott Beller

Scott (McCormick) Beller is a 2004 graduate of Washington High School, Washington, Okla. He is the son of Donna McCormick and the grandson of Earl and Helen McCormick and the late Johnny Matthews.

Scott enjoys baseball, automotives and movies with his friends.

He has been accepted to Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Woodward for the fall semester.





Ashley Burris

Ashley Nicole Burris is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Karen Lynn Burris and the late James Burris. She is the granddaughter of Ila Faye and Vaskon White and Sebens Burris.

Ashley is currently a member of Native Voices serving as secretary. She is a member of Business Professionals of America, the Byng Lady Pirates softball team, leader of Fish the Planet (a Christian witnessing group).

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a degree in finance and accounting.

Alexander Deen

Alexander McLaurin Deen is a 2004 graduate of Lake Travis High School, Austin, Texas. She is the daughter of Jennifer Ray Deen and Gordon Holmes Deen, Jr. She is the granddaughter of Jack Ray, Yvonne Mayberry Ray, and Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Homes Deen. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Robert Leonard Ray.



Alexander will graduate with highest honors from Lake Travis High School.

While in high school he has been a member of the National Honor Society, on the varsity swim team, and a member or office-holder in multiple school organizations. Throughout these years he has served his church faithfully as a youth leader, been active in Venturing (a BSA organization), and spent much time as a volunteer in the community and at school.

Alex's career goal is to become a chef. His junior and senior years of high school he worked in fine dining restaurants in Austin. He has been selected for admission this fall to the Culinary Institute of American located in Hyde Park, NY where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in culinary arts.

Keri Adams

Keri Adams is a 2004 graduate of Midway ISD, Henrietta, Okla. She is the daughter of Hollis and Teresa Adams. She is the granddaughter of Earl and Flora Mead and Hollis and Dorothy Adams.

Keri has been active in student council, the National Honor Society, UIL Academics, one-act play, TMSCA, cross-country, basketball, track and cheerleading.

She plans to attend Texas Women's University this fall to pursue a degree in communication science.



Geoffrey Colman

Geoffrey Bennett Colman is a 2004 graduate of Loyola High School, Los Angeles, Calif. An all boys Jesuit Preparatory school and the oldest high school in Southern California. He is the son of Michele L. Bennett and Gregory J. Colman. He is the grandson of Louis Edward and Haljeanne Turnbull Bennett and the great-grandson of original enrollee Albert Turnbull and Meddie Biggerstaff Turnbull.

Geoffrey is a member of the French Club, he speaks fluent Spanish, and has been on Loyola's track team and swim team. He is a Big Brother, shepherding and mentoring 11 freshman through their first year at Loyola. The summer before his senior year was spent working in a doctor's office as a computer consultant. He is a team leader in Loyola's Kairos Retreats for "a time with God" and just finished 100 hours of community service as a volunteer at St. John's Hospital in Santa



Monica, Calif. He completed 50 hours working at the House of Yahweh, a local soup kitchen for the homeless. He serves at the altar on Liturgy days and has been very active in community service in school, participating in disadvantaged schools' book drives as well as food and clothing drives sponsored by Loyola High School. He has many friends of all faiths and ethnicities. He was awarded the Cornell University Book Award, was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Awards, is a member of the Cum Laude Society, a national honor society, and achieved the highest SAT score in his class. As well, Geoffrey was nominated as the representative of Loyola High School at the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. His interests include snorkeling, computers and exotic model car collecting.

He has been accepted to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire for the fall of 2004. He is very proud to be one of 118 Native American students at Dartmouth College. His studies have included chemistry, physics, biology, calculus, and environmental science. He would like to carry a double major in either biology or environmental science and economics to equip him to pursue a career in science.

Brittany Caldwell



Brittany Ann Caldwell is a 2004 graduate of Mehlville High School, St. Louis, Mo. She is the daughter of James Caldwell and Patricia Caldwell. She is the granddaughter of Randy and Lorraine Caldwell and Hoyt and

Pauline Holland.

Brittany has maintained a 3.8 GPA. She has completed 21 hours of college courses while attending Mehlville High School. She took French for three years. She was co-captain of the high school dance squad "Pantharettes" and has choreographed dance routines for the squad. She has taken dance lessons since she was four years old studying jazz, lyrical, tap, ballet, hip-hop and modern dance. During the last four years she attended pantharettie camps and was selected for the All-Stars by the Universal Dance Association. Next summer she will be an instructor for high school dance teams in various states, (Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Las Vegas, Nev.) and later a judge in Florida. She went to London this year and performed in the New Year's Day Parade and spent a week touring castles, parliamentary, etc. She attended a disco party on the Thames River on a night cruise. She has received instruction for dance for one week on Las Vegas, by NSyncs choreographer, WADE, and performed in competition in Las Vegas. She competes each year in competition and a recital in St. Louis. She choreographed her own solo competition dances for jazz and hip-hop. She was a member of the honor roll, National Honor Society, student council and class executive boards.

She will graduate June 9 and is attending the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Kasie McDonald



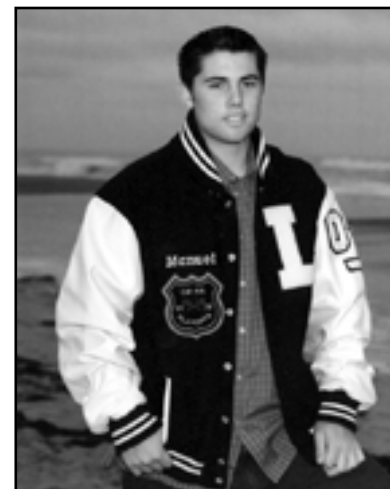
Kasie Dawn McDonald is a 2004 graduate of Plainview High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Jeanine Brown Smith and Robert McDonald. She is the granddaughter of Etta Johnson, Leroy McDonald and Caroline Krebbs. Her great-grandmother is full-blood Chickasaw Clemmie Brown.

Kasie is the 2003-2004 Chickasaw Princess. She is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) and Student Leadership Academy (SLA), American Indian Club, Governor's Honor Club, Chickasaw Nation Youth Council for five years and has worked in the summer youth

program for four years and a former member of the drill and dance team. She has been taking ballet lessons since last fall.

She plans to pursue a career in the nursing field.

Manuel Solorio



Manuel J. Solorio is a 2004 graduate of Lompoc High School, Lompoc, Calif. He is the son of Derren Shannon and Cipnaro Solorio. He is the grandson of Shirley Shannon.

Manuel's leadership achievements include: BSA Leadership Merit Badge Conference 2000-2004, Eagle Scout 2000, activities chairman Leadership Conference 2002, Youth Leadership Conference chairman 2003, team captain 2003-2004. His community service activities include: volunteer for city "Make a Difference Day" 2000-2004, delivered Thanksgiving food baskets to the needy 2000-2004, assists and visits elderly and terminally ill 2000-2004, collected and delivered Christmas gifts to needy children 2000-2004, volunteer for "Special Olympics" 2000-2004, service project at Zaca Lake 2000, My Eagle Scout Project "Quilts for Hospital Nursery" (organized over 100 volunteers and over 500 hours of service, delivered 30 quilts for newborn nursery), planned and carried out "Christmas Cheer Program" 2001, volunteer, Eagle Scout Project at La Purisima Mission 2000 (cleared trail and built bridge), volunteer Eagle Scout Project at La Purisima Mission 2001 (cleaned aqueduct), volunteer Eagle Scout Project at Zaca Lake Resort 2002 (created ceremonial flag area), volunteer Eagle Scout Project at La Purisima Mission 2003 (cleared plants that weren't native to area) and adopt a highway 2003. His athletic achievements include: member of Lompoc High School varsity tennis team 2000-2004, member of Lompoc Valley tennis club 2000-2004, recipient of "Most Valuable Player" 2003-2004, lettered 2000-2004, participated in summer tennis clinics as student and teacher. His fine arts activities include: member of Lompoc High School drama club, participated in drama workshops and competitions, 2001-2004, performed as actor and singer in musical "Little Shop of Horrors" 2003. His clubs include: active member of Young Men's Program 2000-2004, member of Order of the Arrow, BSA 2000-2004, participant in Achievement Days Program 2000-2004, participant in BSA summer camps 2000-2004, Eagle Scout plus earned three palms, earned Duty to God Award. Religious activities include: active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 2000-2004, president of youth leadership group 2002, secretary of youth leadership group 2004, member of Bishop's youth council 2002, frequent speaker in church services, attends early morning religious education program 2000-2004, regularly visits other members of congregation to determine well-being. His work activities include: Agri-Sun Nursery 2000-2003, Mad Mack's BBQ & Grill 2004, Lompoc Unified School District 2004.

He plans to attend and play tennis for the community college then go on a mission for his church.

Kayla Carmichael

Kayla Dawn Carmichael is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Renee' Carmichael and the late Don Carmichael. She is the granddaughter of Dolie Harvey and the late Dorothy Fox.

Kayla is active in the BETA club, BPA, BETA Alpha Phi, National Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, president of Native voices, manager of the Oklahoma Trotters, a member of the Chickasaw Nation Native American Science Bowl team (third place) and listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Her future plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in pre-pharmacy then attend the University of Oklahoma School of Pharmacy to receive her Phd.



Justin Miller



Justin Lynn Miller is a 2004 graduate of Wewoka High School, Wewoka, Okla. He is the son of Terry and Glenda Miller. He is the grandson of Kelsie Morris, Ada, Okla., the late Colson Miller and Jack and Wilma Stowe.

Justin carries a 3.75 GPA. He is active in the Indian club, yearbook, football and baseball and named All-District line backer this year. He loves spending his extra time with his niece Kristen and his nephew Bryce.

His plans are to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

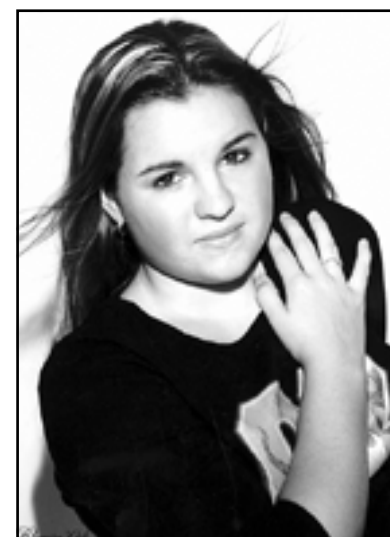
We are very proud of all his accomplish-

Rheysa Ward

Rheysa Janae Ward is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng Okla. She is the daughter of Randy and Melinda Ward. She is the granddaughter of Wanda Jean Wyche, the late Tommy Wyche, Norma Ward and the late Leroy Ward.

Rheysa is Chickasaw and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Morris Stick. She currently serves as captain of the Oklahoma Trotters.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a nursing degree. She plans to continue her education to become a nurse practitioner and work for the Chickasaw Nation.



Russell Brown

Russell Andrew Brown is a 2004 graduate of McLish High School, Fittstown, Okla. He is the son of Ron and Jill Brown. He is the grandson of Tommy McGee, Ada, Okla., Carrie McGee, Seminole, Okla., Joyce Brown, Ada, and Phil Brown, Wewoka, Okla. He has one sister, Rachel.

Russell's school activities include: lettering in basketball, being named an Academic MVP, winning at several interscholastic meets, winning a trip to Washington, D.C., through PEC's academic meet, named to the Area All-Tournament team, named to the Ada All-Area team, selected for the Pontotoc Conference team and voted 2004 Homecoming King.

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, to major in criminal



Laura Jacobsen



Laura R. Jacobsen is a 2004 graduate of Reno High School, Reno, Nev. She is the daughter of Denise and Randy Jacobsen. She is the granddaughter of Guy E. Hall and Celesta Ogden Hall. She is the great-granddaughter of Paul and Cleo Crockett Ogden. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Mack Crockett.

Laura will receive an honors diploma from Reno High School. She is ranked first in a class of 350. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA and scored a 33 on her ACT. She is a National Merit finalist. She has been trained in advanced piano with 8 years of instruction and classical and jazz guitar with four years of instruction. Her honors and awards include: National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar, Triple AAA (parents club) outstanding academic senior, National Honor, Silver State Scholar,

National Honor Roll, Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Roll (all semesters), first place National Spanish Exam Division 7-8A for Washoe County, second place National Spanish Exam Division 5-6A for Washoe County, third place National Spanish Exam Division 3-4A for Washoe County, community service letter freshman year and senior year (anticipated). Her school activities include: Americom Broadcasting Internship (radio) (senior year), Reno JV softball (freshman and sophomore years), Project Starfish Leadership program for girls (sophomore year), and school spirit activities. Her community activities include: Roy Gomm Elementary School volunteer (senior year), Reno SPCA volunteer (senior year), vacation bible school at First Emmanuel Baptist Church (freshman and sophomore years), Anderson Elementary School after-school program (freshman year).

Laura is proud of her Oklahoma and Chickasaw heritage. Each year she attends the Bokchito town reunion and the Crockett family reunion at Fort Washita. She enjoys working with children and plans on majoring in English and music to become a teacher.

She has been accepted into Stanford University and the University of Oklahoma National Scholars Program.

Amy Miller

Amy Miller is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Lauri Miller. She is the granddaughter of the late R.G. and Betty Miller and Delbert and Betty Hisaw.

Amy likes going to the races and she plans to be a cosmetologist.



Kyle Yochum



William "Kyle" Yochum is a 2004 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. He is the son of Jimmy and Jackie Yochum. He is the grandson of Betty Graham, the late Eastman "Jack" and Fern John. He is the great-grandson of Buddy and Earlene Newsome and the late Ellis Graham.

Kyle is a 6'3" guard and a three-year starter for the Tishomingo Indian basketball team. He has been a member of FFA for four years and of the Native American Club for one year. He was named wittiest of his senior class. Kyle loves basketball and hopes to coach in the future.

He plans to major in education and to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo. He would like to play some college ball if the

David Dexter

David Dexter is a 2004 graduate of Metro Christian Academy, Tulsa, Okla. He is the son of Terry and Deirdre Dexter. He is the grandson of Bob and Pauline Maddox and Dan and Wanda Dexter.

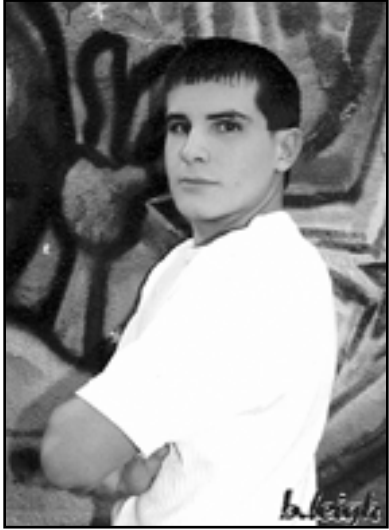
David is an honor student and made straight A's the first semester. He was second in state in tackles (206) in football and a team captain. The football team was state champions in 2A academics and district champions. He was All-District linebacker for the second year in a row and was selected by the Tulsa World as Honorable Mention All-Metro and was selected as Honorable Mention All-State. Fox 23 chose David as its Athlete of the Week during the third week of play-offs. He also plays baseball and is looking forward to a great season.

He plans to major in business or communications with the goal to work on the business side of the music business.

We are very proud of David and love him very much.

Mom, dad and Daniel





Neil Hood

Neil Hood is a 2004 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Cheryl Hood. He is the grandson of Jaime and Phyllis Herrera, J.D. and Joyce Norman, the late Raymond Stick and the great-grandson of the late Ada Mae Lewis.

Neil has been active in baseball, DECA and VICA.

His future plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in law enforcement to become a state trooper.

Traci Griffith

Traci Joann Griffith is a 2004 graduate of East Bakersfield High School, Bakersfield, Calif. She is the daughter of Steve and Jonell Griffith. She is the granddaughter of Don and Nita Griffith and Morris E. and Joann Maytubby. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Morris J. and Elsie Maytubby and a great-great-niece to the late Sadie Humes, who were wonderful examples of Chickasaw Pride.

Traci excelled in academics, she maintained a 4.5 GPA, is a gold seal bearer and is ranked seventh in her class of 457. She is a member of the swim team, and competed at the Valley Level, three out of four years. She played varsity volleyball for four years, serving as captain and named Most Valuable Player and named to the first team of the South Yosemite League in her junior and senior years. She received the Jockey Club Award for volleyball and was named to the Volleyball All-Area Honorable Mention by the Bakersfield Californian newspaper. She is treasurer of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), secretary of the Key Club, and historian for ASB. She was a Betty Blade semifinalist for homecoming, participated in History Day and the Bicentennial Competition.

She has been accepted to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California and plans to



Brittney Goheen

Brittney "LeeAnn" Goheen is a 2004 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Toni Weldon and Keith Goheen. She is the granddaughter of Kenny and Pat Pickering and C.T. and Marie Goheen.

Brittney has been active in the National Honor Society, Native Pride, FCA, academic bowl, performing arts and the science club.

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma and double major in public affairs and administration and political science.

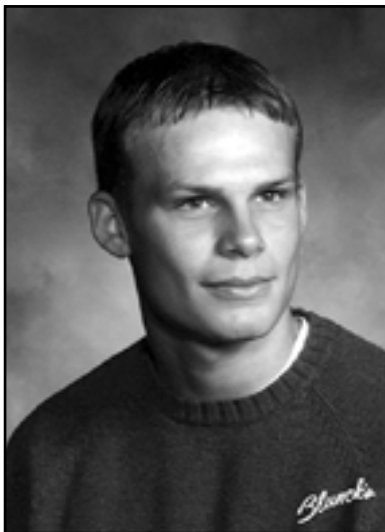


Dustin Payne

Dustin Lee Payne is a 2004 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Doug Payne and Melody Fisher. He is the grandson of Tim and Mary Jernigan.

Dustin played football throughout high school.

His plans are to pursue a degree in drafting and design at East Central University, Ada, Okla.



Cody Ellis

Cody Edwin Ellis is a 2004 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Grant and Darlene Ellis. He is the grandson of the late Juanita and Jerry Anderson and the late Elizabeth Tatum.

Cody's hobbies are hunting, fishing and anything to do with cars.

His future plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, to complete his basic general education classes then transfer to the University of Oklahoma, Norma, to major in mechanical engineering.



Amber Guffey

Amber Leeann Pursiville Guffey is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Joritia and Richard Pursiville. She is the granddaughter of Hazel and Paul Marlett and Nolan and Tommie Sue Pursiville.

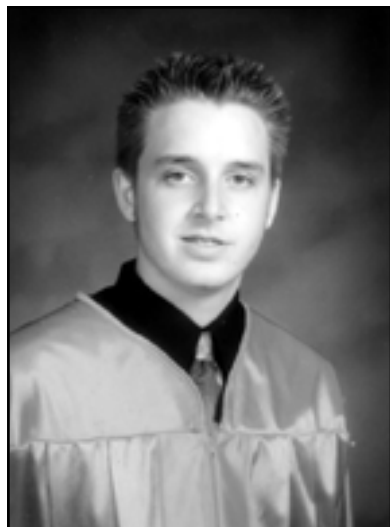
Amber has attended the Byng School System since the fifth grade. In the fifth grade she was active in basketball and the honor choir. In the sixth through eighth grades she was active in band. She joined the high school choir and speech/drama class in her freshman year. She continued in high school choir and became active in drama her sophomore year.

Her junior year she became the mother of a health baby girl, Destiny. She faced her biggest challenge seven months later when she became a single parent and continued to reside on her own and chose to continue her education. Her junior year she became a part-time student in Health Science /Health Technology classes at the Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada, Okla., while attending Byng High School. She received her health core degree her junior year which brought her closer to receiving her certified nursing aid degree. Her senior year she continued attending health science/health technology classes at the technology center and her regular classes at Byng. She has strived very hard to complete her education and to graduate. Her parents and grandparents are very proud of her and her accomplishments in education. One of her greatest accomplishments has been to learn to be a single parent and to complete her high school education. Her parents are very proud to see her finish her education.

She plans to continue her education at East Central University, Ada, beginning the summer of 2004.



Landon Baker



Landon Robert Baker is a 2004 graduate of Carl Albert High School, Midwest City, Okla. He is the son of Jeff and Susan Baker. He is the brother of Brett. He is the grandson of Mike and Genevieve Willard, Oklahoma City, and Mary Beth Baker, Enid, Okla.

During high school Landon has been a member of FFA, FCA, SADD, Key Club, SWAT, boys basketball and the Rowdy Crowd Booster Club. He has participated in many community activities including cancer walk-a-thons and the Tornado Relief Program. He attends Meadowood Baptist Church. He received Outstanding PageMaker Award during his junior year. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for four years and a member of the 4.0 Club. He received an academic jacket for having a 4.0 grade average

for his four high school years. He is class valedictorian and his weighted GPA is 4.093, he scored 25 on his ACT, and ranks 39 out of 265 students.

Landon has been accepted to University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, for the fall of 2004. He plans to major in broadcasting or journalism.

Carrie Futischa



Carrie Futischa is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Lavanda Futischa. She is the granddaughter of the late Eddie Nelson and the late John Futischa.

Carrie plans to attend Seminole State College, Seminole, Okla., to become a photographer.

Kyle Martin



Kyle Martin is a 2004 graduate of El Reno High School, El Reno, Okla. He is the son of Betty Martin and Mike Martin. He is the grandson of the late Tommy and Lizzie Frazier.

Kyle has been involved with the El Reno High School football, wrestling and baseball teams since his freshman year.

He plans to attend college or enlist in the military.

Tajuana Baker

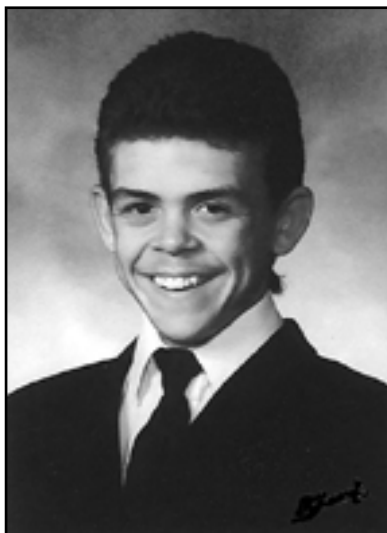
Tajuana Baker is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Regina Walker. She is the granddaughter of the late Bobbi and Berman Roberson and Mary Francis and Bobby Long.

Tajuana has been active in band for seven years playing the drums and is a member of the National Honor Society.

She plans to attend East Central University,



Christopher Williams



Christopher Williams is a 2004 graduate of Purcell High School, Purcell, Okla. He is the son of Gary and Sue Williams. He is the grandson of David Williams, the late Jean Williams, and Bob and Jane Hawkins.

Chris has been active in football, basketball, track, weight lifting and golf. He is involved in computer graphics at Mid-America Technology Center, a member of V.I.C.A., a member of the honor roll at Mid-America Tech and received a Perfect Attendance Award. His special interests are dirtbiking and paintball tournaments. He volunteers his time helping Boy Scouts and holds the Life Rank in Boy Scouts.

After graduation he plans to work for a photography studio in Norman, Okla., and further his education in computer skills and photography.

Shyla Hurley



Shyla Hurley is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Cathy Hurley and the late William Dean Hurley, II. She is the granddaughter of Wynona Hurley, Doreen Olson and the late William Dean Hurley, III, and Milton D. Olson.

Shyla is active in high school tennis. She is a very smart and strong person. Her nickname is Cracker.

She plans to be a successful person. Her future plans are to be a business person within the Chickasaw Nation.

Tiffacy Hogg



Tiffany M. Hogg is a 2004 graduate of Erick High School, Erick, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Carolyn Hogg and the granddaughter of Virginia Seymour, Elk City, Okla.

Tiffany has been active in FFA for four years serving as president, named Student of the Month, basketball for two years, softball for two years, manager of the basketball team for two years, student council, church camp counselor at Granite Okla., listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Blue and Gold top salesman for two years, and is going for State Farmers Degree in FFA.



Ashley Miller

Ashley Michelle Miller is a 2004 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Darren and Diane Miller. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Emma Pettigrew and Gilbert and Juanita Williamson. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Dan and Tennie Pettigrew, Kingston, Okla., and the late Ishmael and Sedonia Gordon, Milburn, Okla.

Ashley is one-half Chickasaw. She is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Roll Club. She has received numerous awards for her artistic talent and was nominated for Chickasaw Artist of the Year in 2003. Her

school activities include: French Club for two years, basketball manager, yearbook staff and listed on the Principal's Honor Roll with a 3.2 GPA.

Her future plans are to attend college in the fall and pursue a career in nursing.

Michael Truett

Michael DeWayne Truett is a 2004 graduate of MacArthur High School, Irving, Texas. He is the son of Terry and Pam Truett. He is the grandson of Hal and Darlene Truett and Bill and Jean Wren.

Michael is very active in baseball. He played for the MacArthur Cardinals's baseball team and was named MVP his freshman year and played varsity his sophomore year, where he earned a starting position for three years. He is a pitcher and played infield and outfield. He was also played American Legion baseball, the summer of 2003 his team won fourth in the State of Texas. He is a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 453.

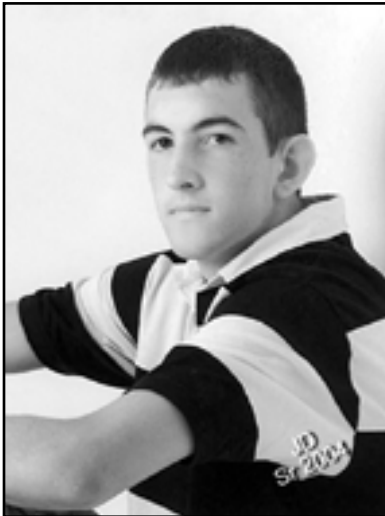
He plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., and reside in



J.D. Wallace

Joseph Don (JD) Wallace is a 2004 graduate of Madill High School, Madill Okla. He is the son of Tony and Shelley Wallace. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. J.D. McCuiston of Oklahoma City, and Jerry and Barbara Wallace of Madill.

Joseph served as class president of his senior class. He was a member of band for one year, football - four years, basketball-four years, track-two years, karate-12 years, BETA-three years, and FCA-four years. He is a member of First Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church Youth program. He is a member of the National Honor Society- two years and the Native American Club-four years, serving as vice president his senior year. He received his first Dan Black Belt in February 1997. He was nominated as a National Science Merit Award winner in 2000. He received his second Dan Black Belt in April 2001. He was nominated as a United States Achievement Academy Award winner in 2001, nominated to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, selected for the Governor's Honor Club, maintained perfect attendance for eight years, chosen as sophomore escort for football, chosen for membership in the Madill High School National Beta Club, nominated to the National Honor Society, nominated as an United States National Honor Roll member, chosen as an All-American Scholar, chosen for induction to the National Honor Roll, letter of commendation, chosen for the Project 540 program, entered the Oklahoma Heritage Association Scholarship program, chosen for senior escort for football, chosen by the student body as Most Athletic, selected as a member of the President's Leadership class at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. He has applied to Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Leadership Oklahoma...Southeastern Style. He was nominated to represent the United States of America at the Global Young Leaders Conference at Washington, D.C. and New York City. He received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Oklahoma Heritage Association, if he plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla. His hobbies include listening to music and hanging out with his friends.



Avery Kuykendall

Avery Kuykendall is a 2004 graduate of Ozark High School, Ozark, Ark. She is the daughter of Ron and Brenda Kuykendall. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Linda Dutton and Milburn and Naomi Kuykendall.

Avery is captain of the varsity girls basketball team, she is active in soccer, track, FFA, a member of the parliamentary procedure team, Students Working Against Tobacco, FBLA, and the BETA club.

She plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas, Conway and major in banking and finance.

Jeremy Wilkins

Jeremy Dale Wilkins is a 2004 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Kelly and Paul Aaron. He is the grandson of Don and Audrey Herell, Ardmore, Okla., and Arnold and Jo Aaron, Sulphur.

Jeremy was named Sulphur Chickasaw Student of the Year and Senior Student of the Month for December. He received the Cattle Production Award, Swine Production Award, Business Entrepreneur Award, Showmanship Award, Herdsman Award (2) and the YHEC Marksman Award. He is a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society, the National Honor Society and listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. He has been active in student council, a class officer, FFA, OASIS, the Governor's

Honor Club, Foreign Language Club, the Goodnight Gang, 4-H and varsity/junior varsity baseball. He is on the Youth Board of Directors for BancFirst and a member of the First Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and raising cattle and swine.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University in the fall to major in landscape architecture and agribusiness.



Congratulations to all graduates!

Marissa Moore

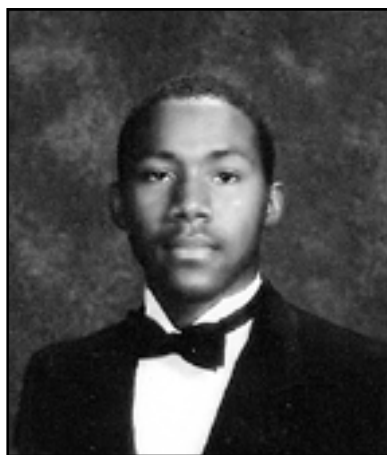


Marissa Marie Moore is a 2004 graduate of Wapanucka (OK) High School. She is the daughter of William and Vera Moore. She is the granddaughter of the late John and Lillie Underwood the late Vester Dee and Nadril Irene Moore.

She has been active in basketball, softball, FFA, 4-H (county officer), National Honor Society,

Academic Bowl, student council, FCA, senior class salutatorian, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, received National English Merit award, on the Superintendent's Honor Roll, member of the Gifted and Talented program, drama and on the journalism staff.

She plans to attend Southeastern University, Durant, Okla., to major



Kendall Prince

Kendall Prince is a 2004 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. He is the son of Sheila Prince and the grandson of Glennon and Nadine Pickens and Holmes Prince.

He is a member of Jehovah Baptist Church. He sings in the youth choir and is a member of Sacred Praise. He was awarded by the Johnson O'Malley program, leader of Camp Peleichi Ikbi. He is a member of FFA, he participated in Serve America, is a member of the Spanish Club, and a member of the art club.

He will attend Wright's Business School in the fall.

Elizabeth Polk

Elizabeth Jeanne Polk is a 2004 graduate of Casady High School, Oklahoma City, Okla. She is the daughter of Randel J. and Jeanne M. Polk. She is the granddaughter of Marjorie and the late B.R. Polk, Oklahoma City, and Bettye and John B. Minnett, Chickasha, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Euda Hill Polk and the great-great-granddaughter of Benjamin F. Collins.

Elizabeth will graduate with academic honors. She was active in soccer and track.

She has been accepted at the University of Southern



William Worcester



William (Will) Worcester is a 2004 graduate of Madison County High School, Huntsville, Ala. He is the son of Bill Worcester and Tina Worcester and the grandson of Jim and Margaret Strickland, Huntsville and the late Norman Worcester and the late Maggie Lorene (Donie) Sealy.

Will has been active in baseball for four years. He is a member of the National Honor Society, BETA Club, Anchor Club, Future Business Leaders of America, named prom prince, on the National Honor Roll, Wendy's High School Heisman nominee, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

He plans to enroll at Auburn University this fall and later attend medical school to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Rachel Brown

Rachel Dyanne Brown is a 2004 graduate of Coalgate High School, Coalgate, Okla. She is the daughter of Tony and Melody Taylor and David Brown. She is the granddaughter of Anita Woods, Coalgate, Jack and Sherry Campbell, Tulsa, Darrell and Tootsie Taylor, Coalgate, Lewis Davis, Martin Brown, Coalgate, and J.D. and Ruthie Smith, Coalgate. She is the great-granddaughter of Gladys Taylor and Alice Brown, Olney, Okla.

Rachel comes from a long line of Chickasaw's and is very proud of her Indian heritage. She has been a varsity cheerleader for four years, a member of Jana Henderson's School of Dance for eight years, she was nominated All-American by the National Cheerleaders Association for two years, served as captain of her cheer squad and voted Miss Wildcat her senior year. She loves riding horses.

She plans to finish her cosmetology studies at Kiamichi Votech, Atoka, Okla., and attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., this fall.



Alisha Scruggs

Alisha Scruggs is a 2004 graduate of May Pearl High School, May Pearl, Texas. She is the daughter of Melissa Franko Arispe and Alan Scruggs. She is the granddaughter of Louise and Eddie Scruggs.

Alisha is active in power lifting, softball and track.

She has decided to join the United States Marines after graduation.

I am very proud of her.

Jared Hiltbrunner

Jared Kiah Hiltbrunner is a 2004 graduate of Samnorwood High School, Shamrock, Texas. He is the son of Boyd Hiltbrunner. He is the grandson of Fern Hiltbrunner and the great-grandson of the late Lula Mae (Land) Cockrell, original enrollee.

During Kiah's high school career he has been a member of the National Honor Society for four years and a member of "SMILE" (Gifted and Talented Program) for two years, elected class treasurer for four years, and served on the annual staff for three years. Other activities include participation in UIL one-act play competitions and football. He was in advanced English for two years earning a dual credit his senior year.

Kiah's future plans involve pursuing a health science career in pharmacy technology at Amarillo College. He will begin his studies the fall of 2004.





Jed Maus

Jed Maus is a 2004 graduate of Richland High School, Richland Hills, Texas. He is the son of May Maus and Michael Maus. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Chase, Hurst, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Darnaby, Dallas. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee Willie Malissa Johnson and Abel Chase.

Jed was named to the Texas All-State Band for trumpet, he is president of the school band, president of the his school's National Honor Society and winner of the John Phillip Sousa Band Award. He is in the top 10% of his class

of 500, he was named Richland High School Outstanding Student, has been an A & B student throughout school and takes all Advanced Placement classes. He participates in the jazz band and marching band. He is also in the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra.

He plans a music career and will attend SMU or the University of Houston.

Ceza Pershica



Ceza Kaushita Pershica is a 2004 graduate of Marietta High School, Marietta, Okla. She is the daughter of Harrison, Jr., and Sandy Pershica. She is the granddaughter of the late Harrison (Mickey) and Mona Pershica and Gordon and Uyvon Hail.

Ceza has been a member of the Marietta basketball and softball teams. She is involved with and a member of Marietta's First United Methodist Church.

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla.

Megan Helmey



Megan Lynn Helmey is a 2004 graduate of James E. Taylor High School, Katy, Texas. She is the daughter of Janis and Richard Helmey. She is the granddaughter of the late H. Lynn Bourland and Dolores and Mark Robertson.

Megan is a 2-year letterman in volleyball. She is a member of PALS (Peer Assistance Leadership) St. Peter's United Methodist Church Youth Council, and youth groups, young life and she a member of the work crew at Camp Leniel (Marble Falls, Texas) and the National Charity League for six years.

She plans to attend Texas State University or Southern Methodist University.

Anthony Lewis



Anthony G. "Bubs" Lewis, Jr., is a 2004 graduate of Stonewall High School, Stonewall, Okla. He is the son of Anthony and Nancy Lewis, Tuttle, Okla. He is the grandson of Billy G. Pickens, Sr., Stonewall, Leo B. Thomas, Stonewall (who Anthony resides with), the late Naomi Greenwood Pickens, and the late James and Joann Lewis.

Anthony's favorite class in high school in vo-ag where he enjoys welding.

His future plans are to attend a welding school.

Good luck, love
Mom, dad and Zack

Britton Mouser



Britton Mouser is a 2004 graduate of Mustang High School, Mustang, Okla. He is the son of Jim E. Mouser and Angela O'Connell Woost. He is the grandson of Jim and Sandra Mouser and the great-grandson of Dwight Mouser and Myrtle Durant.

Britton played football for four years.

He plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma to major in journalism/communications.

Kayla Watson



Kayla Watson is a 2004 graduate of Idalou High School, Idalou, Texas. She is the daughter of Danny and Renee' Watson. She is the granddaughter of Sue Seely, the late Bill Seely, Bernice Watson and the late Ray Watson.

Kayla will attend South Plains College, Levelland, Texas.

Tyra Shackelford



Tyra Shackelford is a 2004 graduate of Purcell High School, Purcell, Okla. She is the daughter of Randy and Karla Shackelford. She is the granddaughter of Evertt and Octavia Shackelford and Porter and Sue McDaniel.

Tyra is senior class secretary, president of Youth and Government, drum majorette, vice president of the science club, lead facilitator for Project 540, a member of the cross country team, track, band, basketball band, the academic team, the Spanish Club, campus missions, the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, Oklahoma High School Honor Society, the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe and the Governor's Honor Roll.

Ian Cooper

Ian Thomas Cooper is a 2004 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Richard and Tina Cooper. He is the grandson of the late Gene and Wanda Rochelle and George and Vivian Cooper.

Ian has been active in journalism, serving as co-editor of the school newspaper, the yearbook staff, mock trial team and the AHS "Cougar" mascot.

He plans to attend East Central University, Ada, to study multi-media and journalism.



Melissa Montgomery

Melissa Montgomery is a 2004 graduate of Choctaw High School, Choctaw, Okla. She is the daughter of Richard and Beverly Montgomery. She is the granddaughter of Charlotte Newton and Ben and Inez Klimkoski.

Melissa is a member of the senior board. She is a singer/songwriter and a member and a regular performer at the Oklahoma Opry. She belongs to the Oklahoma Country Music Association and has won various singing awards and recently performed on CBS Star Search.

She plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma and eventually transfer to Belmont University, Nashville, Tenn.



Tamara Welcher

Tamara Welcher is a 2004 graduate of West Moore High School. She is the daughter of David and Jennifer Welcher. She is the granddaughter of Helen (Maytubby) Bell, Leon Rusman and John and Ellene Welcher.

Tamara has been active in concert choir.

She plans to begin classes this fall at Oklahoma City Community College to pursue a degree in teaching.



Zach Vogt

Zach Vogt is a 2004 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. He is the son of Arron and Crisha Vogt. He is the grandson of Lou and Tommye Vogt and Catherine Wood.

Zach has been active in the art club and drama. He plans to attend college in the fall.



Mindy Morgan

Mindy J. Morgan is a 2004 graduate of Liberty Christian School, Prosper, Texas. She is the daughter of Joe and Vickie Morgan. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Mary Morgan and Bob and Irene Moore.

Mindy has been active in varsity cheerleading for four years, serving as captain her senior year. She has been involved in volleyball, varsity track, junior varsity tennis, the key club, the BETA Club, a member of the A-B honor roll, choir, newspaper, yearbook, and a finalist in a poet competition. She is a ProSpirit employee.

She plans to major in public relations at Abilene University.



Travis Cooper

Travis Cooper is a 2004 graduate of Guthrie Job Corps. He is the son of Shawn Cooper and the grandson of the late Fred and Lois Cooper.

Travis graduated from Guthrie Job Corps with his diploma and welding school. He plans to attend the Tulsa Welding School to finish his education in welding. His interests include football, old cars and the outdoors.

I am very proud of him.

Shawn Cooper



Travis Ebisch

Travis G. Ebisch is a 2004 graduate of MacArthur High School, Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Greg and Pam Ebisch. He is the grandson of Earnie and June Ebisch and Joe and Viola Markle.

Travis has received two varsity letters in football, he has received the Fighting Heart Award, received 2 M awards in football, named football All-District Honorable Mention, and named MHS Student of the Quarter.

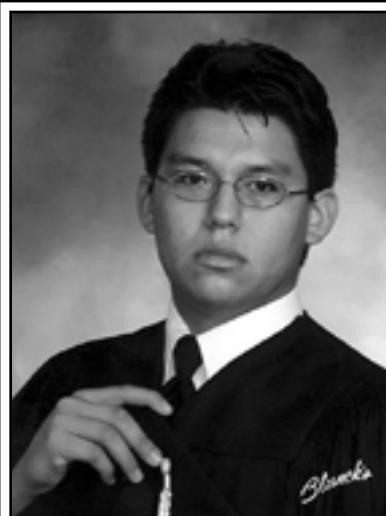
His future plans include taking architecture at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.



Kevin Roberts

Kevin Roberts is a 2004 graduate of Tupelo High School. He is the son of Wilson and Deanna Roberts. He is the grandson of Leefannie Roberts and the late Aaron and Lucille Byington.

Kevin plans to attend Okmulgee State Technology to receive training in heat and air conditioning.



Meredith Collins

Meredith Collins is a 2004 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock, Texas. She is the daughter of George and Carol Collins. She is the granddaughter of Sue Seely and the late Bill Seely.

Meredith is a member of Distributive Education Centers of America, Future Business Leaders of America, Family Career Community Leaders of America, the Spanish Club and her church's youth group.

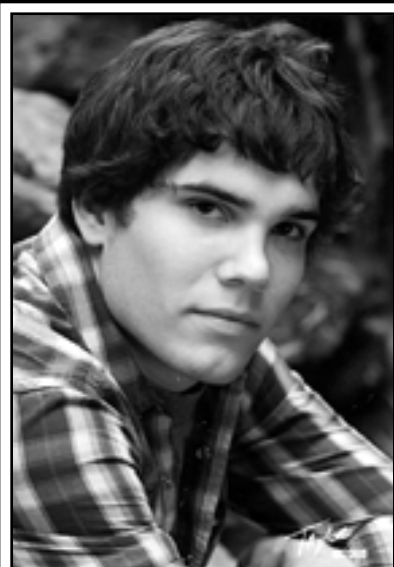
Her future plans include a science major at Texas Tech University.



John Switzer

John MacGregor Switzer, III, is a 2004 graduate of Klein Oak High School, Spring, Texas. He is the son of John and Babette Switzer.

John has been accepted at the University of Texas, Dallas, and will study computer science and video game software development.



Sonny Sanchez

Sonny Allen Sanchez is a 2004 graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Sonny and Cindi Sanchez and the grandson of Edgar Allen Asbury, Jr.

Sonny was a member of the wrestling team.

Mehgan Goforth

Mehgan Goforth is a 2004 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Greg and Kim Goforth. She is the granddaughter of Murray Goforth, the late Mary Goforth and Bob and Mary Chandler all of Ardmore.

Mehgan has maintained a 3.89 GPA and is a three year member and vice president of Leaflets, Young Women's Leadership of Ardmore and a member of the Spanish Club and Native American Club. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, FCA, the National Honor Society for four years, and student council for two years. She is vice president of her senior class, chosen 2003 Junior Female Athlete of the Year for the Chickasaw Nation, Senior Lion's Club Student of the Month, and a four-year starter for the varsity tennis team. She is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, an All American Scholar and on the Superintendent's and Principal's Honor Roll.

She has signed with Cameron University to play tennis and she plans to major in medicine and business.



Bre Hodges

Bre Hodges is a 2004 graduate of Thurston High School, Springfield, Ore. She is the daughter of Scott and Lavanda Hodges. She is the granddaughter of Eunice Flippo Rodden, the late Jack Rodden, the late Bob Hodges and Lucille Hodges.

Bre has been active with the varsity volleyball team for three years, a scholastic athlete for two years, and a peer group member for two years. She has maintained a 3.5 GPA. She is the great-granddaughter of Susan Loomer Flippo.

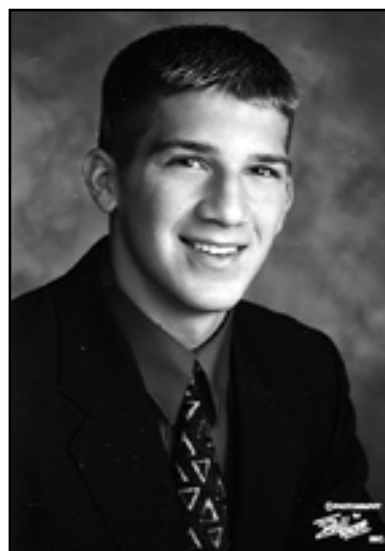
She plans to attend Southern Oregon College and maybe be a walk-on for the Southern Oregon volleyball team.



Kristopher Parker

Kristopher Parker is a 2004 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock, Texas. He is the son of Kenneth and Paula Parker. He is the grandson of Edwin and Grace Bullard and Larry and Donna Parker.

Kris is active in auto technology. He enjoys working with cars and plans to continue his auto tech education at South Plains College, Level-



Garrett Martin

Garrett M. Martin is a 2004 graduate of Routt Catholic High School, Jacksonvill, Ill. He is the son of Bruce and Margie Martin. He is the grandson of Beulah Shavney, Ada, Okla., and Jerry and Jean Martin, Tulsa.

Garrett was active in basketball for three years and football and baseball for two years. He served as class president his junior year and is currently executive board president of the student council and a member of the National Honor Society. He received the St. Michael's Book Award for Scholarship and Service and was a nominee for the Wendy's Heisman award. Garrett enjoys water-skiing, wakeboarding and riding dirt bikes.

He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in engineering.



Danielle Scott

Daneille Ann Scott is a 2004 graduate of Lowry High School, Winnemucca, Nev. She is the daughter of Nancy and Tim Pollock. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Lois Guynes of Fiddletown, Calif.

Daneille has been an honor student throughout her school years. She enjoys dancing and playing the piano.

She will attend Northern Nevada Career College to become a dental hygienist.

Danielle makes her family proud.

Justin Crabb

Justin Glenn Crabb is a 2004 graduate of Lejeune High School, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is the son of Rick and Jenette Crabb and the grandson of Don and Betty Crabb.

Justin has been active in varsity golf for four years, varsity soccer for two years, the Student Government Association and the National Honor Society serving as vice president. He is a descendant of original enrollee Ivy Coffee.

He has been accepted for admission to Guilford College, Greensboro, N.C. where he plans to major in forensic biology.



Adrienne Harjo

Adrienne Harjo is a 2004 graduate of Wewoka High School, Wewoka, Okla. She is the daughter of Gilbert and Monette Harjo. She is the granddaughter of Virgie Mary Harris (Reed), Loren Pahseto, Louis Harjo and Ella Harjo.

Adrienne has served as president of the student council, of the Indian Club, and serves as senior class treasurer key club treasurer and Future Teachers of America treasurer. She is secretary of the science club and a member of the National Honor Society. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and family.

She plans to attend college at the University of Central Oklahoma to major in communications.



Whitney Snider

Whitney Lauren Snider is a 2004 graduate of Mill Creek High School, Mill Creek, Okla. She is the daughter of Jessie and Rhonda Oxley and Zhan and Jackie Snider. She is the granddaughter of Helen Imotichey Bartlett and Ed and Patricia Snider.

Whitney has attended Mill Creek School System for 12 1/2 years. She has been active in basketball, softball, cross country track and 4-H. She was selected as an All-Tournament player at the Coleman Tournament. She averaged 13 points a game.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., and then attend



Kaitlin Aldridge

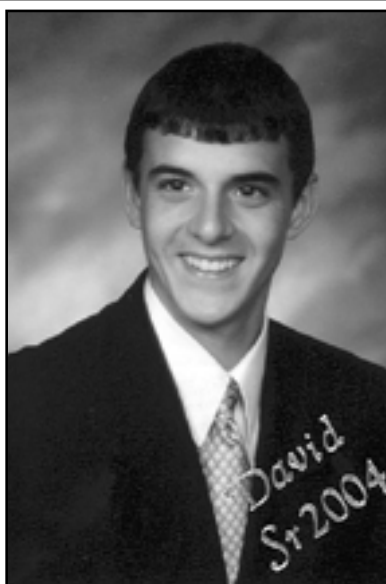


Kaitlin Annaliese Aldridge is a 2004 graduate of Plainview High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Doug and Rhenea Aldridge. She is the granddaughter of Dennis and Leslie Lavers, Lou and Larry Hall and Chock and Mary Aldridge.

Kaitlin is a Blue Ribbon Scholar and an All American Scholar. She is a member of the National Beta Club, Ardmore's Young Women's Leadership class 2002-2003, listed in *Who's*

Who Among American High School Students, U.S. Achievement Academy, Rotary Club's Student of the Month and drum major for the Plainview Marching Band.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, to major in journalism.



David Milam

David Allen Milam is a 2004 graduate of Bethel High School, Bethel, Okla.. He is the son of Randy and Diane Milam. He is the grandson of Charles and Bonnie Milam, Oklahoma City, Jenny and the late Paul Hoffman, Oklahoma City and the late Odell and Jerry Bolin.

David has attended Bethel Schools for 13 years. He has been a member of the high school concert band and marching band for five years and jazz band for four years. He was one of 16 drummers across the State of Oklahoma to be invited to participate in an on stage performance with Shania Twain at the Ford Center in November, 2003.

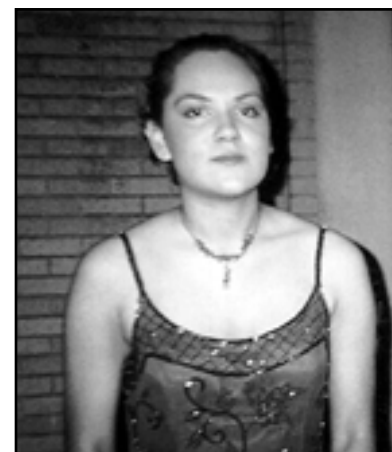
His future plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., majoring in music.

Carla Lane

Carla Danell Lane is a 2004 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of J.D. Lane and Janett Lane and the granddaughter of Caroline Krebs.

Carla is a member of the golf team, FCCLA and of the softball team.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., and later to transfer to the University of Oklahoma to major





Amanda Arthurs

Amanda Nicole Arthurs is a 2004 graduate of Weatherford High School, Weatherford, Texas. She is the daughter of Bruce and Angela Arthurs and the granddaughter of Daniel and Martha Arthurs. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Minnie McGee.

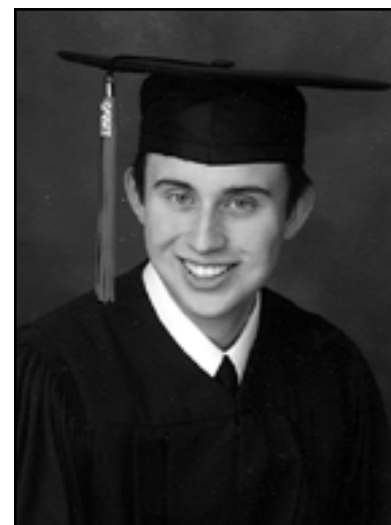
Amanda has been a member of band for six years, color guard (captain, past 2 years) and varsity golf for four years. She is active in her church, Coutts Memorial United Methodist, where she participates in musicals. She had the privilege of being in the musical "Touch of the Child" with Max Showalter, who wrote it.

She plans to attend college majoring in the education field.

Clayton Pannell

Clayton Tyler Pannell is a 2004 graduate of Colleyville Heritage High School, Euless, Texas. He is the son of Cindy McDonald Pannell and the grandson of Betty Jo Thompson.

After a week trip to Tokyo, Japan, in June, Clayton will attend Tarrant County College to pursue a degree in criminal justice.



Erica Billingslea

Erica LaToi Billingslea is a 2004 graduate of Crowley High School, Ft. Worth, Texas. She is the daughter of Paula and Ted Wyman and the granddaughter of Richard and Rita Payne. She is the great-granddaughter of Grace Connally Lloyd.

Erica has competed in the Junior Olympics Tae Kwado competition two times receiving a gold, silver and bronze medals. She has received number 1 ratings in both choir and flute solo competitions. She is a descendant of the Ish Clan.

She plans to attend the University of North Texas to study premed.



Sarah Korpela

Sarah Jean Korpela is a 2004 graduate of Mesa East Valley Academy in Mesa, Arizona. She is the youngest daughter of the late Fawn Ella Courtney Korpela and Douglas Korpela, Sr. She is the granddaughter of the late William Brooks Courtney, Jr and the late Sylvia Loveall Courtney and the great-grand daughter of original enrollee Willie Courtney, AKA William Brooks Courtney Sr and Mattie Woodcock Courtney.

Sarah specialized in child care training while having meet her graduation requirements in December of 2003.

She hopes to continue her education after a short break in the working world. Sarah is 1/8 Chickasaw, 1/32 Choctaw, and 1/32 Sac/Fox.

Submitted by: Itasca Courtney Small (proud Aunt)



Kimberly Hatcher

Kimberly Kay Hatcher is a 2004 graduate of Yukon High School, Yukon, Okla. She is the daughter of Raymond and Kaylea Hatcher. She is the granddaughter of Roy and Melba Hatcher and Lewis and Kay O'Dell.

Kimberly is active on the Yukon High School track team, throwing the discs. She has played basketball and softball. She is a tutor for grade school children, is an excellent art student and is interested in the medical field for her future.

She plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College.

Karin Hicks

Karin La-ye Mae Hicks is a 2004 graduate of Achille High School, Achille, Okla. She is the daughter of DeLoyd and Ironda Hicks. She is the granddaughter of Thelma Blagg and L.D. Hicks.

Karin is a member of the National Honor Society for two years, the gifted and talented program for four years, softball for two years, member of Family Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for three years, president of her senior class and served as a page for the House of Representative. She is a concurrent student at Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU) and will graduate second in her class.

She plans to attend SOSU in the fall and major in elementary education.



Holli Mandrell

Holli Lynn Mandrell is a 2004 graduate of Sunnyside Senior High School, Sunnyside, Wash. She is the daughter of William A. and Gloria J. Mandrell. She is the granddaughter of William V. and Pauline M. Mandrell and Claude R. and Wanda L. Myers.

Holli has been active in 4-H for 10 yrs., FFA for four yrs., president her senior year, volleyball, auto shop for three yrs., and a Dairy Fair worker for two years. She enjoys hunting, riding motor cycles and riding horses.

She hopes to get a maintenance job at Dairygold. She has worked at the Dairygold Store for two years. Someday she hopes to own a horse ranch.



Kristi Watson

Kristi Watson is a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of Danny and Renee' Watson. She is the granddaughter of Sue Seely, the late Bill Seely, Bernice Watson and the late Ray Watson.



Lisa Martin

Lisa Martin is a 2004 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Okla. She is the daughter of Betty Martin and Mike Martin. She is the granddaughter of the late Tommy and Lizzie Frazier.

Lisa will graduate with a bachelor or arts degree in criminal justice. She plans to seek employment with a federal agency.



Tasha Hisaw

Tasha Hisaw will graduate from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Norman, May 2004, with a bachelors degree in radiologic technology - nuclear medicine. She obtained a previous bachelors degree in radiologic technology - radiography from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center in May of 2002.

Tasha is the daughter of Coy and Pam Hisaw. She is the granddaughter of Faye Miller, the late Jimmy Miller, Geneva Dansby and the late Walter Dansby. She is the great-granddaughter of Ella Hisaw and the late Ben Hisaw.

She is a 1997 graduate from Latta High School, Ada, Okla., and is currently employed at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in the radiology department as a radiographer.



TRAILS seeking 'Safe Place' partners

In May, 2003 the Chickasaw Nation Transitional Residential Adolescent Independent Life Skills (TRAILS) program began offering homeless and at-risk youth the life skills necessary to become independent, productive citizens.

Recently, TRAILS became the first to bring Project Safe Place, which offers safe havens and resources for youth in crisis, to the Ardmore area.

Now the TRAILS program is seeking partners to join the

effort.

By involving the entire community in Project Safe Place, the program strives to provide a network of locations to ensure youth are able to find help when it is needed most.

Businesses, schools, police departments, fire stations, libraries and others who join the program display a distinctive, diamond-shaped yellow and black "Safe Place" sign to show youth they can go to that location for help.

More than 72,000 youth have received help from Project Safe Place since the program was started by the YMCA in Louisville, Kentucky in 1983. Currently, 142 youth shelters in 42 states operate Safe Place programs, providing more than 14,000 Safe Place locations where youth can get the help they need.

For information, call (580) 226- 4869.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Inter-Tribal Council supports funding of Older Americans Act

ADA, Okla. - During the quarterly meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation April 8, at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, members approved a resolution to increase funding of the Older Americans Act.

Specifically, the resolution supports increased funding of nutrition services and caregiver support programs.

A resolution was also approved to appoint Chickasaw legislator Dean McManus as a representative to the National Indian Council on Aging.

"Traditionally, this council has supported senior citizens programs for all tribes," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, who presided over the meeting. "We have great respect for our elders. They are one of our most important resources and we

want to do everything possible to support them."

Tribal leaders from each of the member tribes, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole, provided progress updates on business, construction and the provision of services of their individual tribes.

Members of the council also passed a resolution to oppose a U.S. Department of Labor funding formula that would decrease funding to tribes. Changes in the interpretation of Census data would decrease funding of the Five Tribes' employment programs by approximately \$8 million over an eight-year period.

Tribal citizens who indicated on their 2000 census form that they were Native American and also included heritage of another race would be eliminated from the new funding formula for employment programs.

In other business, the council

also passed a resolution for the Chickasaw Nation to apply for and administer a grant for the Native American Research Center for Health.

This grant would provide for research in cooperation with the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics.

Program directors from the Five Tribes met in committee meetings Wednesday to discuss ways to improve a variety of services, including health care, housing and senior services.

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes was formed in 1950 and is one of the most respected and influential Native American organizations in the United States.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Pamela Sweet-

Pamela Kimberly Sweetman is a 2004 graduate of the University of Washington, Seattle. She received her major in general studies and she minored in English.

She is the daughter of Felix and Melanie Sweetman, Lakewood, Wash. She is the granddaughter of Gene and Geraldine Sweetman, Wynnewood, Okla.

Her college activities included: member of Alpha Phi Sorority, University of Washington football manager, Seattle Sonics promotions crew, Seattle Mariners marketing intern, KBKS Radio Station promotions intern, Martin Luther King Elementary School tutor.



Tribal election commission, registrar here to serve citi-



Rita Loder

Ms. Rita Loder was appointed Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar and approved on October 18, 2002. She has held various positions while being employed by the Chickasaw Nation for the past 15 1/2 years including election secretary beginning in 1988.

She is 1/2 Chickasaw and resides in Ardmore, Okla., with her husband Doug. Ms. Loder has two sons and three grandchildren. She is the granddaughter of original enrollee Lucy (Perry) Nelson.



Denise Clark

Ms. Denise Clark has been employed as voter registration clerk for two years.

She is 1/2 Chickasaw and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Adeline Courtney.

She resides in Ada, Okla., with her husband, Billy and their four children.



Thedo Underwood

Mr. Thedo Underwood was reappointed to the Election Commission, September 20, 2002 and elected chairman by the other members of the Election Commission on January 15, 2003. Mr. Underwood represents the Pickens District.

Mr. Underwood is 3/4 Chickasaw and resides in Madill, Okla., with his wife Carolyn. They have three children and four grandchildren.

He is the grandson of original enrollee Hattie Pickens.

He attended school at Arkansas State University. Mr. Underwood is employed at McDonald's in Madill.



Catherine Wood

Ms. Catherine Wood, was reappointed to the Election Commission September 20, 2002 and elected vice chair by the other members of the Election Commission on January 15, 2003. Ms. Wood represents the Tishomingo District.

She is 3/4 Chickasaw and the granddaughter of original enrollee Cicen Perry Nelson.

Ms. Wood attended school in Ada, Okla., Byng Okla., and at Chilocco. She married the late Cecil Wood and has two daughters and one son. She has eight grandchildren.

Ms. Wood is active with the Connerville Senior Site and serves on the Chickasaw Elder Council Board.

She resides in Connerville and is a member of Connerville Baptist Church. She enjoys traveling with the Chickasaw Senior Citizens on their trips.



Pauline Brown

Ms. Pauline Brown, member, appointed to the Election Commission December 20, 2002, represents the Pontotoc District and resides in Harden City, Okla. She is 1/2 Chickasaw and 3/8 Choctaw and the daughter of original enrollee Murtle Gipson. Ms. Brown is a retired LPN and a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language.

She has one son, three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Ms. Brown also serves on the Cultural Historical Society Board, the Elders Council Board and the Chickasaw Language Committee.

Mr. Herbert "Stan" Wells Jr., was reappointed to the Election Commission September 20, 2002. He is 1/16 Chickasaw and the grandson of original enrollee Alfred Connelly.

Mr. Wells represents the Panola District. He attended school at Southeastern State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He has lived in the Panola District all his life and is now a rancher in Hendrix, Okla.



Mark Riesen

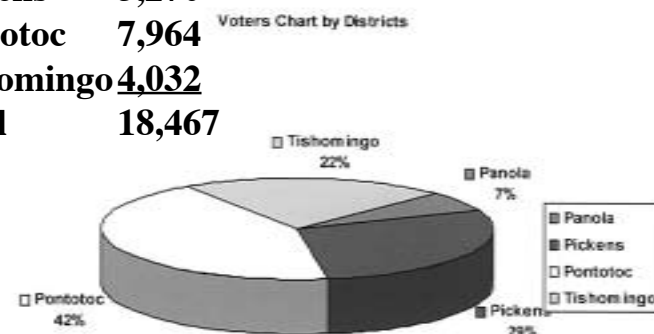
Mr. Mark Riesen was appointed to the Election Commission June 20, 2003, as the

at-large representative. Mark graduated from the University of Oklahoma with Bachelor of Science-Finance in 1983 and the Oklahoma City University in 1986 with a Masters Degree-Business Administration. Mark is currently employed with Edward Jones Investments, Ardmore, Oklahoma, as an Investment Representative.

Mark is 1/128 Chickasaw, he resides in Ardmore, Oklahoma with his wife Martha of seventeen years, and their two sons, Andrew and Blake. He and his family attend St. Phillip Episcopal Church. Mark enjoys golf, hunting and fishing.

Count of voters by district

Panola	1,201
Pickens	5,270
Pontotoc	7,964
Tishomingo	4,032
Total	18,467



Chickasaw Election Commission

Seats open For General Election 2004

Pontotoc District: Seat 5

Pickens District: Seat 3

Panola District: Seat 1

Tishomingo District: Seat 2

Judicial: Seat 1

Marshall County Chickasaw Council

presents:

Music Fest and Bar-B-Que

May 15, 2004; 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Enos Community Center

(12 miles southwest of Kingston, OK)

Bar-B-Que will be served from 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Includes: beef, ham, salad, bread, dessert and drink, plus a ticket for a chance to win a door prize. Cost \$5

Entertainment: Boiling Springs Choctaw Hymns, Shawn and Patt (Country & Contemporary), Days Journey Gospel, open mike from 2 - 3 p.m. (share your talent)

Silent Auction at Enos Fire Station: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (high bidders announced at 4 p.m., in charge Kenny and Dorietta Shipley, (580) 564-3618).

Our purpose is to establish a recreation area (a safe place) for the youth and elders of our community.

For more information call (580) 564-4570 or (580) 564-2679.

Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:

P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821

(580) 310-6475; (580) 310-

6474 Fax; Toll Free 1-888-661-0137

Chickasaw.net then click government.

Chickasaw Foundation 2004 Scholarships

Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw student in his/her freshman year in any two- or four-year college who demonstrates a financial need.

Gene & Sonam Hill Computercraft Corporation Scholarship

Computercraft recruits computer engineers, graphic designers, biologists, conference managers and international trade specialists. Preference may be given to these disciplines; however, the scholarship is not limited to these areas of study. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. One scholarship is awarded per year; \$750 per semester (\$1,500 total).

Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to be used for a general purpose education and students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded.

Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton

One scholarship for \$3,000 will be awarded (\$1,500 per semester) to a Chickasaw student enrolled in his freshman through senior year at any four-year college. The student must have a major in business, finance or accounting, and be pursuing a career in banking.

Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw student enrolled at any two- or four-year college who maintains a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale and remains in full-time status for the entire year the scholarship covers.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

One scholarship for \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester) will be awarded to a Chickasaw student in his/her junior or senior year in any four-year college with a major in history, education or pre-law with a minor in history, and an emphasis on Chickasaw tribal history or Native American studies.

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship for \$500

will be awarded to a Chickasaw graduate, undergraduate or vo-tech student enrolled at any accredited institution of higher education for a general purpose education. To be eligible, the student must remain in full-time status and maintain a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship

This scholarship is for Chickasaw graduate or undergraduate students currently enrolled at a institution of higher education and pursuing a health care related degree. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded.

Bank2 Ta'ossaa-asha' Scholarship

This scholarship is for students majoring in business, finance or accounting and pursuing a career in banking. One scholarship for \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to Chickasaw students enrolled in their freshman through senior year at any two- or four-year college.

Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship

One scholarship for \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) will be awarded to a Chickasaw student enrolled in pharmacy school. The student must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year that the scholarship covers and maintain a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship

This scholarship is for students enrolled in their freshman through senior year pursuing a major in education at any four-year college. One scholarship for \$1,500 (\$750 per semester) will be awarded to a Chickasaw student who remains in full-time status during the entire academic year the scholarship covers and maintains a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Native American Women's Entrepreneurial Scholarship

This scholarship is for female Native American students pursuing a degree in business/entrepreneurship. One scholarship for \$1,800 (\$900 per semester) will be awarded to a female Native American student enrolled in their junior or senior year at any four-year college or

university, with priority given to students within the Chickasaw Nation service area.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

This scholarship is for Chickasaw graduate or undergraduate students who are enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education. This scholarship is to be used for a general purpose education. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

Frederick L. Hill -The Hill

Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search 2004

The Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search is a new and exciting program serving nine schools in the Chickasaw Nation. Those schools include: Bray-Doyle, Bridge Creek, Ninnekah, Ringling, Rush Springs, Ryan, Waurika, Wayne, and Wilson. Almost everyone in the target school qualifies for enrollment in Edu-

Group Scholarship

One scholarship for \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) will be awarded to a Chickasaw undergraduate student for a general purpose education. The student must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship or need additional information, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

You may also visit www.chickasaw.net and follow the Chickasaw Foundation's link to download the application in

PDF format. This is a document to be printed out after filling in your information (this form cannot be submitted online). Remember to send in **ALL** supporting documentation that is requested.

All applicants must complete the scholarship application and supply the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation will not be considered. The Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship deadline is on May 31 while all other deadlines are June 1.

cational Talent Search. Our services include: academic skills workshops, ACT exam preparation, career/educational field trips, college tours, college admissions assistance, financial aid application assistance, and tutoring.

We can also help young adults with locating and entering GED

or Alternative Education programs so that they can earn a high school diploma. All of the services provided are free of charge.

See your local school counselor for applications or call the Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search staff at (580) 371-9903.

Chickasaw Foundation Upcoming Events in 2004

The Chickasaw Foundation announces its upcoming events for 2004. Be sure to check the *Chickasaw Times* for updates on these events.

• July 27, 2004 – Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Reception at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Conference Room.

• September 28, 2004 – Cultural Evening at Kullihoma.

• November 12, 2004 – Friends of the Foundation Reception at the Ada Arts & Heritage Center.

• December 10, 2004 – Chickasaw Foundation Annual Open House at the Foundation office located at 110 W. 12th Street, in Ada, Okla-

PV Council hosts 'Dutch Treat' supper first Tuesday of every month

The Pauls Valley Chickasaw Council invites all Native Americans of Garvin Co. (OK), Purcell, Okla., and Davis, Okla., to the Pauls Valley Community Council meeting and "Dutch Treat" supper the first Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Catfish & Gators Steakhouse on Highway 19, just east of Indian Meridian Rd., Pauls Valley.

Come to enjoy the program and get better acquainted with others and see what services are available to you.

For more information con-

tact Chairman Pauline Rodke, (405) 484-7219.

Bob Roberts demonstrated the construction of saddles and he shared the history of Chickasaw horses at the May 2004 meeting. Pam Aguilar told about the Farmers Market Program and took applications.

The June 2004 meetings will include some history and craft demonstration on beading. Check your local Garvin County newspapers for more information as the date for the meeting gets near.

Carter/Bloomfield Alumni Reunion

May 15, 2004

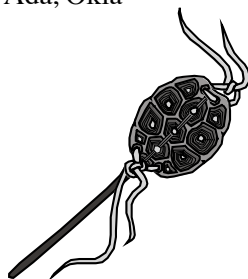
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ardmore Senior Site

2400 Chickasaw, Ardmore, OK

For more information Dorothy Holt, (580) 223-0541 mornings, or (580) 226-5184.

All students and alumni welcome.



In Remembrance of Helen Cole

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer



Helen Cole

Author's Note: Helen Te Ata Cole suffered a crippling stroke last February and had been confined to a Norman hospital where she died on April 7.

I met Helen for the first time in early 1995 in her office at the state Capitol. She was serving her final term in the Oklahoma Senate. Her office was tastefully decorated with objects that were special to her, including a framed copy of the cover of a 1924 issue of *McCalls Magazine*. She told me the beautiful woman (incongruously wearing a man's headdress) on the cover was her aunt, the Chickasaw artist and storyteller, Te Ata, the person we were meeting to discuss. When the cover appeared, Te Ata had been 29 years old. Recently, she had just turned 99, and was living in a nursing home in town.

On the phone earlier that week, I had identified myself to Senator Cole as the new tribal historian of the Chickasaw Nation. Aside from producing a quarterly history journal, I was thinking about researching and writing a biography of Te Ata and I understood that Helen was the gatekeeper of her aunt's collection of papers. I had an idea that the collection was very large and wanted to arrange a meeting to gage the level of the family's interest in my idea. Without the family's cooperation, I figured there could be no Te Ata biography.

In Helen's office, I introduced

myself and got right to the point, not wanting to take up a busy senator's time with chit-chat. She deflected my first question with questions of her own. How had I heard about Te Ata and what did I know? How long had I been tribal historian? How did I get the job? Where did I grow up? Did I have a family? Though she was assessing me, it wasn't a third degree. She was the soul of amiability, and she seemed so interested in my answers that I forgot about taking up her time.

After ten minutes or so, Estella, her secretary and Choctaw friend, appeared to tell Helen she had to go vote. Rising, Helen smiled and said this was so, that she never missed votes. "The people pay me to represent them and the least I can do is show up for work." Let's get together again, she said.

Though I hadn't learned anything new about Te Ata or her papers or the family's interest in helping a potential biographer, I left thinking I'd probably take on the job if Helen would permit it. I didn't know exactly why I had suddenly become favorably disposed, but I figured it was Helen. Just by being herself, she sold me without even trying. No wonder she was one of the most respected and popular legislators—though she was a Republican woman in a legislature dominated by male Democrats.

Though she seemed to be a highly skilled professional who had it all together, I gradually learned over the next nine years that Helen had suffered her share of sadnesses and adversity. Her parents divorced when she was quite young and her older brother, Tom, went to live with their father, Oakley Gale, while she remained with her mother, Avis, a woman without marketable skills living on the brink of the Great Depression. Those were bleak years financially, but mother and daughter helped one another. Even as a child, Helen believed she was capable of protecting her mother if need be. Avis became a beautician and provided added security by making a good marriage. And when this husband died, she

married a naval officer, Ernest Fifield, who was devoted to her and Helen.

Moreover, their extended family, the Thompsons, provided a strong emotional base. Many were excellent role models. Avis's father, Thomas Thompson, had been the last treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation. Her mother, Bertie, not only believed in unconditional love, but practiced it. Avis's older brother, Gene, was a graduate of Oklahoma A&M in animal husbandry. And Avis's older sister, Te Ata, was nationally prominent. In 1933, when Helen was 11, Te Ata performed for the Roosevelts at the White House.

Helen met John Cole, when they were students in an Ardmore grade school; they were married in 1946 at the time of his re-enlistment in the Army Air Corps. During an overseas duty assignment in Panama she could have become active in the wives' bridge games and social drinking scene, but she chose to work in the PX and raise her two sons, Johnny and Tom. That streak of independence (and good judgment) would be manifested throughout the rest of her life.

Settling in Moore, Oklahoma in 1960, with her family, Helen, a Democrat among Thompson family Democrats, had come to believe that good government required a viable two-party system. Since the Democrats had the state locked up, Helen decided to campaign for Republicans like Bud Wilkinson, Henry Bellmon and Dewey Bartlett. In 1976, Ron Shotts encouraged her to run for the seat in the state House of Representatives that he was giving up. Looking mock alarmed, Helen, a high-school graduate and drive-in bank teller, asked, "What if I should win?"

She did run, and throughout her political career, which spanned two decades, that first race was the only one she believed she would win and was the only one she ever lost. Two years later, with son Tom as her campaign manager, she won. At age 56, she "didn't owe anybody anything" and she "didn't want anything" except to advance the legislation that meant the most

to her.

That included decreasing teen-age mortality by raising the beer-drinking age from 18 to 21. To counter the power of the Malt Beverage Association and its supporters in the Legislature required brains, drive, patience, guile and luck. She had some of these factors immediately and acquired the rest, so that she and her co-sponsor, Democrat David Riggs, did eventually prevail.

Another major accomplishment was Helen's pivotal legislative role in the development of the state Ethics Commission. Then, a year after her retirement from the Senate, she was appointed by Justice Yvonne Kauger to a four-year term on the commission that she helped to establish. During her tenure, she helped to educate her fellow commissioners (most of whom were lawyers) on the meaning of Indian sovereignty. When she was sworn-in, fellow tribal member Gov. Bill Anoatubby was present. He also inducted Helen into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 1999, an honor she called the "most meaningful" of her life.

At lunch with me this past January Helen mentioned two other especially meaningful experiences. One was seeing her son Tom sworn-in as a member

of Congress last year. The other memory was so powerful and vivid that it caused her to tear-up, right over her Caesar salad. As background, her husband John had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1983. Four years later, in 1987, Helen reluctantly had John admitted to the Veterans Center in Ardmore. She had been crying all day until her daughter-in-law Ellen Cole insisted that they drive to Oklahoma City to attend the very first Red Earth Festival. Helen demurred, but Ellen insisted, so she decided to invite her mother, Avis, and Te Ata, both in frail health, to go with them. Almost seven years later, Helen still held the memory of the two old Chickasaw women—their lined faces beaming with excitement—close to her heart.

During our lunch, only a month before Helen suffered the stroke, she was as lively and vibrant as ever. She told amusing stories and anecdotes, shared some tender moments, discussed the political future of one of her young proteges, cackled and hooted at some of my remarks and some of her own. It wasn't the last time I saw her; but I'm going to remember it, along with that first meeting at the Capitol, as the bookends of our friendship.

Chickasaw Baked Steak

This is a modern adaption of an old Chickasaw Indian recipe which was originally made with venison.

2 pounds rum steak (1/2-inch thickness), cut in 6 pieces, pounded

Salt and pepper, to taste

All-purpose flour, for dredging

Butter or vegetable oil, for frying

1 large onion, chopped fine

1 large green pepper, chopped

1/2 cup chopped celery

1/2 cup sherry

1/2 cup tomato sauce or tomato juice

1/2 teaspoon paprika

1 cup water

Season steak with salt and pepper. Dip pieces in flour and fry in butter or oil for 1 minute on each side. Transfer steaks to a pan suitable for baking.

Saute onion, green pepper and celery in same skillet. Add sherry, tomato sauce, paprika and water. Pour over steaks in baking dish. Bake, uncovered, in a 375°F over 30 minutes. Turn steaks over and bake another 30 minutes.

Submitted by: Marilyn Foster

Council of Elders hears of 'Life With the Little People'

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Council of Elders meeting February 19, 2004 at the Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur, Oklahoma discussed Chickasaw cultural guidelines for authors to write about or portray legendary supernatural figures. Robert Perry, who has published a book about little people, made a presentation.

"Life With the Little People" is a collection of Muscogea Creek stories, published in 1998 before the Council of Elders was formed. Recently, V.I.P. Publishing has produced an audio CD in which Gregg Howard reads stories from Perry's book. James Blackburn, Chickasaw artist, has created the CD cover.

Perry explained that the book and the audio CD tell about the little people without specifics; e.g. no medicine recipes or religious ceremony, no description of little people or how to find where they live. The portrayal is positive with the importance to make doctors to heal people, living in isolated remote locations.

There were no hospitals, but Indian people stayed healthy without modern medicine.

Perry also showed other illustrations by Blackburn about Two Jumps Kill, a fictitious little Chickasaw person. He was a member of the Dragonfly clan. Leopard frogs eat dragonflies. Two Jumps Kill earned his name by killing leopard frogs within two jumps with a bow and arrow. He is dressed in clothing made from leopard frog skin like a 17th century Chickasaw warrior, with creative departure such as dragonfly wings for feathers in his long hair.

The illustrations could be used in a book that would educate children in Chickasaw culture.

An illustrated page from a Cherokee children's book in the Chickasaw Library was passed around that told about little people. Irene Greenwood told about her granddaughter using James Adair's book "The Chickasaws" for a school report. That reference tells of supernatural beings, the Lofas, 10-foot giants who carried off Chickasaw women,

beat men and scared away the deer.

It also tells of the Iyaganashas, three-foot tall little people, who trained Indian doctors, transmitted special curative powers and taught hunters how to catch deer and other game. It said that the Chickasaws also believed in witches that took various forms in nature. Like the Lofas, witches caused personal misfortune and illness. The Adair book takes its information from John Swanton's earlier work.

In spite of this published information, the traditional Chickasaw elder's response to questions from outsiders would be "Shompa." We don't talk about that or we wouldn't say this word, much less know its meaning. Marie Beck's mother said that "Lofa" is a bad word not to be used. On seeing what has been published and with the realization that visitors to the new Chickasaw Cultural Center will need the best Chickasaw knowledge, the Council had further discussions and told stories. Winnie McNeely had a cousin,

who when very young came screaming from the kitchen that a little man was at the back door. Nobody else could see the little man. Marie Beck said that only persons with high fever could see little people. Irene Greenwood agreed. As a child with high fever, she saw little people playing on the bed. They were small, but she couldn't see their faces, just the back of their heads as they left the room. Pauline Brown lived down a creek where children would find little bows and arrows all stacked up. Pauline has written a story about little people without giving specific details.

Kirk Perry remembered when Dad told us about little people, he didn't say not to retell. But if you do, outside people will think you are crazy, so why tell? Lorene Greenwood had the best advice for the Council's discussion. She said that when you are going to be an aliktce (a Chickasaw spiritual healer), you are not supposed to tell - or you lose it.

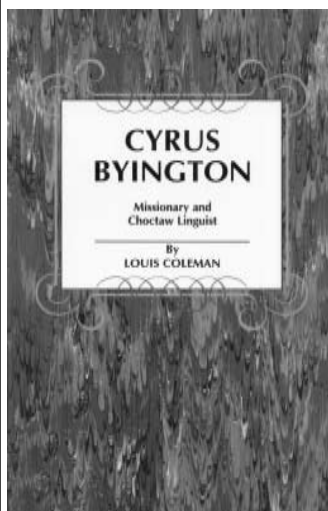
The Council of Elders decided that a Native artist or writer should be allowed to talk about

his own culture to non-Indian students and those needing better cultural understanding. The Native artist or writer who takes this responsibility must use good judgment and not talk of spiritual things or give away specific knowledge such as medicine procedures or homes of the little people. We Native people must continue to respect the silence of anyone who has experienced seeing the little people. If someone tells you that he cannot speak of these things, please respect his silence on a serious religious subject. By remaining silent, good and wonderful things can happen to a large number of Chickasaws.

Finally, the Council had a comment about the portrayal of Two Jumps Kill. Few would know Two Jumps Kill is dressed like a 17th century Chickasaw warrior. Therefore, it should be said or written that Two Jumps Kill is a little person dressed like a Chickasaw warrior. Council asked Robert Perry to write a *Chickasaw Times* article telling about the guidelines discussed in the meeting today.

Check it out..... at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

Featured Selections of the Month

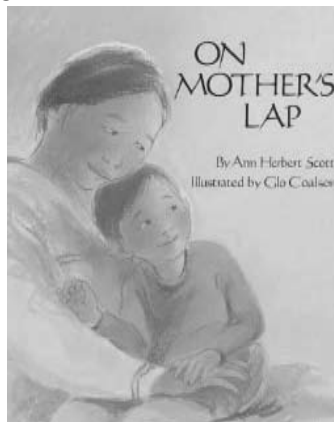


Cyrus Byington
Missionary and Choctaw Linguist
By Louis Coleman

Preface: In the nineteenth century, hundreds of men and women answered the call to missionary duty among the various Native American groupsStories of the devotion and sacrifice of these missionaries are many and well-documented. But prominent on any list of outstanding individuals must be the name of Cyrus Byington who devoted almost half a century to serving those he called his "Beloved Choctaws." Printed by Morris Publishing.

*Celebrate Mother's Day
with a good book!*

On Mother's Lap
By Ann Herbert Scott
Illustrated by Glo Coalson



Inside cover: Michael's favorite place to be is on Mother's lap, cuddled close in her arms in the big rocking chair. It's even cozier when Michael brings Boat, Dolly, and Puppy to snuggle with him in his reindeer blanket. But what happens when Michael's baby sister begins to cry?

Published by Clarion Books, A Houghton Mifflin Company.

Childrens Section

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library

520 E. Arlington (Downstairs in the Miko Building at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters)
Ada, OK 74820 • (580) 436-2603, ext. 7301
Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Calling all Chickasaw Armed Forces members!

Chickasaw Multimedia is looking for a few good men – and women to participate in a patriotic presentation for this year's Annual Meeting and State of the Nation program. If you have friends or family members serving in active duty and stationed anywhere in the world, we'd like to contact them to be a part of this exciting presentation. Their ability to sing is not a requirement, but it would be a plus. For more details or to submit a name and contact information, please contact Linda Underwood, Chickasaw Multimedia. The deadline for name submittal is June 1st. Chokma shki!

E-mail: LindaG.Underwood@chickasaw.net

Phone: 580-332-1416

Fifth Annual Adam C. Walker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

June 5, 2004

Kullihoma Softball Field

Registration 10 a.m., play begins at 11 a.m.

Singles and Doubles

\$6 per event or both events for \$10

Double Elimination; Draw for partners

Prizes: 1st and 2nd place trophies for both events

For more information contact Bailey or Jennifer Walker, (580) 332-3304.

An oral history: Haskell Alexander

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer



Haskell Alexander

Recorded and edited by Richard Green

Author's Note: Haskell Alexander has been a long-time employee of the Chickasaw Nation. He is deputy gaming commissioner but was director of cultural resources when this recording was made last year. He spoke mainly about what he saw and heard at Boiling Springs. The name itself suggests the supernatural.

It used to be a custom in the sixties when I was growing up, for Chickasaw children to be raised by their parents and grandparents. At least it seemed like it to me, with all the kids running around the Methodist church at Boiling Springs. My parents and brother lived in Oklahoma City, and I'd live with them part of the time, but I loved living with my grandparents, particularly in the summer.

My grandparents, Jeff and Elsie Alexander, lived in one of six houses that surrounded the Boiling Springs church. There were always kids to play with at Boiling Springs; at one time, I was one of 21 kids lined up to catch the school bus there.

The Methodist Jesse district had Indian churches at Kullihoma, Red Springs, Johnson Chapel and Boiling Springs. Sunday school was held at all four churches, but because there was only one pastor, the Sunday service alternated among the four. I remember driving my grandparents to church when I was 14 and 15.

People would visit my grandparents and my great uncle James Frazier on weekends. These were hard times, there was lots of poor people. I remember my grandfather and great-uncle working as farmhands, cutting

brush and building fences. Some families had no money coming in at all and my grandfather would help them out from time to time because he got a small VA (Veterans Administration) check from the government for his war wounds. He was the only one we knew in the area with a TV. He'd put it in the window facing outside so the neighbors could watch. They'd bring their chairs and sit in the yard in the summer. Some built little fires to smoke the mosquitoes out.

Neighbors would begin gathering about dusk, sitting outside and the stories would begin, (told) mostly in Chickasaw. While I didn't understand Chickasaw very well, I could see that some were funny and some were told in all seriousness. My grandfather told me some of them, and I still recall a few, particularly those that were scary. Often, they involved doctors and witches. I'm told my great-grandfather, Jonah Alexander, was an Indian doctor with great power, and a lot of people came to him for help.

The storytellers wouldn't just talk about witches, they'd name names. Some were people I knew or I knew their kids. All of this made these stories real.

Telling these stories and experiences was a way of life. Speaking about what you'd call supernatural things was as normal and natural as talking about sports is today. It seemed there was a meaning to everything, like owls being bad omens at night if they came too close to your house. It wasn't just owls; animals, we believed, would also come as warnings. I heard those kinds of stories, and once, I witnessed it myself.

When I was about 14, I spent the night with a friend of mine whose dad was a pastor at Boiling Springs. This one night, a bunch of howling coyotes came up close to the house. My friend and I got our .22s and started shooting at them. The coyotes ran off. Then, they'd come back close and begin howling. We got our guns and fired away. This went on all night. At sunrise, they finally left. Then the phone rang, and the caller told the pastor that his sister had just passed away. He told us that's what the coyotes had been telling us.

All the Indians in that area knew stories about the Little People. I never saw them, but I understood that only certain people could see them, that they were born with that gift. Growing up, I heard stories of people who had seen them around Johnson Chapel and Kullihoma. We took these stories as gospel. I am probably in the last generation of Chickasaws who don't question those stories about the Little People. Unlike us, kids today are more urban centered. But even now, I have a friend who works in the Miko Building (part of the tribal headquarters) and her son recently saw some of the Little People near Johnson Chapel.

I started hearing my grandfather's stories at a very early age. One of the first I remember was about an event from his boyhood. His father, Jonah Alexander, saw this dog that had been prowling around the family's house. Jonah told my grandfather and his brothers to catch the dog. He and his brothers got on their horses and chased the dog for a good ways before catching him by the South Canadian River. Their father instructed them to tie the dog to a tree, then they left.

They returned the next day and there sat an old Seminole man tied to the tree. Jonah was not surprised because he was an Indian doctor, who could recognize a witch when he saw one. They cut the Seminole loose, but not before Jonah chewed him out, telling him to stay away from their house.

At about the time I heard this story, I saw a witch in a different form. One summer night, I was outside my grandparents' house when I saw this round light, about twice the size of a basketball, hovering over the ground and moving toward me. It glowed but didn't give off light. I ran into the house to tell my grandparents. When grandpa saw it, and by then it was crossing over the garden, he told me it was a witch. I ran back inside and stayed there.

Several years later, when I was 14, I saw something like that again. I was with four guys in a car coming back from church. We topped this hill which had a reputation as a place for such

sightings, and I turned around and saw a light on the road where we'd just passed. I told the others and the driver stopped the car. From there we watched it move around. Then we turned around and headed toward it. When our headlights reached it, the light disappeared. It reappeared behind us as we headed home. A pastor told us if we see it again to beware if the witch starts shooting out shafts of light. That, he said, is a sign that the witch is getting upset.

Some people have wondered, how could a Christian minister believe in such things? Or how come these stories were shared in all seriousness on the church grounds either right before or after Sunday services? All I can say is that we saw no contradiction in believing in Jesus and believing in the power of witches. My grandfather though, believed that the most powerful medicine was Jesus Christ.

Not all Chickasaws living around Boiling Springs saw witches or had run-ins with them, but they all believed in the power of doctors and the power of witches. We knew that witches could make you sick, to the point where medical doctors in hospitals couldn't make a diagnosis. Indian doctors could tell you, though. And how close this witch was to you and even why in some cases. Jealousy, for example.

Countering the witches were the Indian doctors or herbal

doctors. Some of these doctors wore a scarf around their necks. They would spread it over the area of the patient's ailment or injury and use the scarf almost like an x-ray to detect spells cast by witches. Then, curing the problem was a matter of power. Some had enough; some didn't. Sometimes, the doctor would know you were coming and why, and the medicine would be ready before you even arrived. Once, when my younger brother was 8 or 9 he got really sick. My parents were very worried. We took him to my great aunt, Carrie Frazier. I recall watching her boil roots she had gathered. Then, she cut a little slit in his back and poured the medicine on it. He improved that evening, and then fully recovered. He was cured and we knew that it was because of her.

These are some of the things I remember very well. Of course, when I was young I didn't always pay attention to my grandpa's stories and now I'm sorry I didn't. So many have been lost. Grandpa also spent a lot of time making bows out of pecan or hickory. He also made arrows with a bud on the tip, good for knocking down squirrels. You would think I would have one of his bows, but I don't. You know, when you're a kid you take things for granted—like your grandpa will always be around.

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Information sought on Frisco Cemetery near Stonewall

STONEWALL, Okla. - Shirla Sweat and family have been maintaining the old Frisco Cemetery for more than five years.

The cemetery contains the remains of her grandmother Pearl Truax (Patton) and maternal great-grandparents George H. Truax and Mary (Colbert) Truax.

As the years pass, Mrs. Sweat becomes ever more curious about the family history of those buried there.

"People from all across the country come to the cemetery occasionally, and I would really like to find out more about the families of those buried there," said Mrs. Sweat. "I hope that

anyone who has ancestors in the cemetery will contact me and share any information they might have about the cemetery."

The story of her own great-grandparents is quite interesting in its own right.

George H. Truax was a prominent physician and surgeon in Indian Territory.

He was one of the pioneers of the town of Stonewall, later called Frisco, and his office building, drugstore and general store was one of the first major structures in the town.

After gaining a solid reputation in his private practice as a specialist in the treatment of

cancer and chronic women's diseases, he became a member of the Indian Territory Examining Board. He was also an examining physician for New York Life Insurance Company and was the house physician for the Collins Institute, a Chickasaw Indian School.

After Oklahoma statehood, he served on the Oklahoma Medical Examining Board under Governor Haskell and Governor Cruce.

Dr. Truax married Mary Colbert in 1886 and the couple had six children. Their second child, Pearl, later married Simon Patton. The Pattons' daughter, Molcie (Patton) Daniel, was

the mother of Shirla (Daniel) Sweat.

The Sweat family hosts a fish fry the first Friday in June to raise money to help pay for maintenance of the cemetery. This year's fish fry is 6 p.m. June 4 at the Vo-Ag building in

Stonewall.

For information or to share what you know about the Frisco cemetery, call Shirla Sweat at (580) 265-4290.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

7th Annual "Chi Ka Sha Reunion"

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Stickball game demonstration*

June 24-27 2004

Celebrating Chickasaw Culture and Tradition at Kullihoma Stomp Ground
Recognizing the 68th Anniversary of the Purchase of Kullihoma on June 25, 1936
Located 7 miles east of Ada and 4 miles south of Hwy 1—No Admission Charge
Overnight camp sites available (bring tent and chairs), RV's welcome, limited hook-ups, first come first serve basis with generators permitted only in designated areas

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Hot dogs and hamburgers served at 6:00 p.m.—Stomp Dance begins at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 26—Welcome at 10:00 a.m.

"Loksi" race for two age groups: 12 & under, 13 & older at 11:00 a.m.
(bring your own turtle)

Meal will be served at noon

Chickasaw / Choctaw stickball game at 3:00 p.m.

Social Dance from 8—10 p.m.

Stomp Dance begins at midnight

Demonstrations will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and will include the following:

Stomp Dance
Blow Gun
Ballstick Making
Flute Making
Basket Weaving
Horse Shoes

Bow Making
Beadwork
Chickasaw Language
Archery
Finger Weaving
Cooking

Stomp Dance Dress Making
Ribbon Shirt Making
Beaded Necklace
Tomahawk Throwing
Storytelling
Chickasaw Game

Sunday, June 27—Breakfast will be served following the dance & break camp
For information contact Cultural Resources at (580) 332-8685

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Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Bring your lawn chairs, covered area is available for shade or in case of rain.

For more information contact Sharon Tandy, (818) 985-

'Renewing the Spirit'

Sixth Annual Indian Elders Conference June 13 in OKC

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Sixth Annual American Indian Elders Conference, "Renewing the Spirit," will be June 13, 2004 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City.

The conference will celebrate and honor the strong spirit of our Elders as they willingly explore new pathways for better health

and continuously set positive examples for generations to follow.

Outstanding Elders who represent various tribes throughout Oklahoma will be recognized and honored for their positive accomplishments and contributions. Billy Mills, (Oglala Lakota), 1964 Olympic Gold

Medalist in the 10,000-meter run, will be the keynote speaker on June 1. The Conference Emcee is Sammy Tone-Kei White, well known for emceeding major Indian gatherings throughout the United States.

Conference topics include: health and wellness, cancer, diabetes, healthy cooking with commodities, arthritis, exercise and fitness alternatives. Registration fee is \$35 and includes admission to the 2004 Outstanding Elders Ceremony and dinner. A limited number of scholarships are available based on both financial need and first-come, first-requested basis.

The Conference Planning Committee consists of representatives from Lawton Indian

Hospital, Wewoka Indian Health Center, Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service, the American Indian Institute - University of Oklahoma, American Cancer Society, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Choctaw Nation, Seminole Nation, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division, and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

The conference will be at the Biltmore Hotel, 401 S. Meridian Avenue (I-40 & Meridian), Oklahoma City. A block of guest rooms has been set aside at a special lodging rate of \$57. Make reservations before May 18, 2004 by calling (405) 947-

7681 or 800-522-6620. Be sure to mention the conference when making reservations.

Registration brochures are available by mail or you can visit our website at www.ou.edu/aai and download forms. For more information or conference registration, scholarships, exhibit/vendor space, conference support, or Outstanding Elder Nomination Forms, please contact Sue Fish sfish@ou.edu or Ramona Moore rwahpepah@ou.edu at the American Indian Institute, University of Oklahoma at (800) 522-0772, ext 4127 or K. Denise Smith, karole.smith@mail.ihs.gov (888) 275-4886 ext 348 at Lawton Indian Hospital.

Indian Elder Society welcomes San Manuel Band, Mission Indians

HUMBLE, Texas - The National Society for American Indian Elderly is pleased to announce its newest corporate member, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is an active contributor to a variety of projects and services that benefit Native Americans. The tribe operates the San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino and the San Manuel Bottled Water Group, in addition to managing a variety of economic ventures.

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indian Tribe has a history of active support and dedication to Native American causes and issues. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is a direct descendent of the Serrano Indians. The tribe is located on the San Manuel Reservation near Highland, California.

The National Society for American Indian Elderly (NSAIE), headquartered in Phoenix, Ari-

zona, was established in 1987 to assist tribes in identifying at-risk senior citizens and providing them with the services they desperately need. The organization provides services to under-served, on-reservation Native American senior citizens by supporting a network of tribally established and administered services. These quality of life improvements are provided through financial support to tribal senior centers for nutrition programs, transportation programs, socialization, recreation activities, and in-home services.

NSAIE currently services 22 tribes in eighteen states. NSAIE aspires to add new tribes as funds are raised. NSAIE depends on private grants, donations, and memberships to operate and provide services to Native American elder programs.

To learn more about NSAIE and becoming a member, please visit our website at www.nsaie.org, or by telephone at (602) 307-1865.

Child safety first



Members of the Injury Prevention Department had 17 students certified as Child Passenger Safety technicians during their recent class. Members of the class then conducted a car seat safety inspection April 15 at Noth Hills Shopping Center in Ada. Above, Ron Fondren shows a young mother how to correctly install a child safety seat.

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Students of the Month

Students of the month have been selected for January through February in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Spencer Peoples, Melvin Womack, and Kaitlin Rogers, all of Calera are the January Students of the Month for the Panola District.



Spencer Peoples should be selected as Student of the Month because of his excellent overall qualities. "Spencer is a very responsible and dedicated student," said Cindy Parks. "His maturity level is exceptional. He has maintained an A average in second grade. Spencer is a wonderful student, and is highly qualified for the Chickasaw Nation Student of the month award."

Melvin Womack has a great attitude overall in class. "He's very respectful toward me and his peers," said Amanda Thompson. He puts out 110% for effort and is constantly wanting to get better at his studies. He has improved in his studies a great deal verses the beginning of the year. He has a lot of determination and will continue to do better with his excellent attitude.

Kaitlin Rogers is the student

I recommend for the Chickasaw Nation student of the month award. "Kaitlin has always tried her best in all of her school and community activities," said Gerald Parks. "She has won numerous awards with her livestock on the local, county, districts, state and national levels. Perhaps her best accomplishment so far, was winning Grand Champion Swine, at the National Livestock Show held in Denver, Colorado in 2003."

Kaitlin has also been involved in leadership camps and speech contests. This school year, she placed First at both the County and Area Speech contests which are sponsored by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This qualifies her for the state finals in Oklahoma City in February. Another great quality for Kaitlin is her ability to maintain a 4.0 GPA while participating in many activities. This is a true indicator of her ambition and dedication to everything she does. Kaitlin is very well liked by her peers and teachers, and would be honored to be recognized with this award.

Cherokee Martin, Jackson Wallace, Kala Hensley, Tyler Farve, Kaitin Aldridge all of Plainview and **Chad Branch** of Comanche are the January Students of the Month for the Pickens District.

"**Cherokee Martin**, is a very quite, soft-spoken and dedicated student," said Vickie Collier. "She is very diligent in preforming her school work. She is respectful and attentive to her teachers and fellow students. She sits a wonderful example for my other students to follow. She has always had a positive attitude in school."

"**Jackson Wallace** is an excellent student who endeavors to do his best at any given task. He is very mannerly and polite," said Vickie Collier. "Jackson is an outstanding reader for his age. He always has a positive attitude about his school work. He is very well-rounded and has lots of extracurricular activities that



he participates in."

Kala Hensley is an outstanding student. "She works very hard to keep her good grades and is always respectful of her peers and teachers," said Estherlain Stick. "She is a hard worker and is on the Governor's Honor Roll. She would be the one I would pick for Student of the month."

Tyler Farve is very active in sports and has been on the Governor's Honor Roll. He works very hard and makes very good grades," said Estherlain Stick. "I wish all my students were as hard a worker. He is very respectful of his peers and teachers. I sent his art work to Red Earth last year and he won First Place. I was very proud of him. He is my choice for student of the month."



Kaitlin Aldridge has an outstanding academic record. "She is an excellent student and is an accomplished member of our high school band. She has been selected as the Band Drum Major," said Bob Hare. "She is extremely reliable and does everything conscientiously. She is personable and well liked by her peers."

"**Chad Branch** is a gentleman and a pleasure to have in my class," Said Jeanne McCowen. His academics are outstanding and he participates in many extra curricular activities. Not only is Chad active and a leader in his school, he does work in his church and community. Chad would be an excellent selection for student of the month.

Tori Watson, Salyer Roebuck, Lashun Oakley and Shana White Buffalo all of Latta are the January Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District.

"**Tori Watson** is a hard working student with a very positive attitude," said Carla Husband. "She comes to school every day

with a smile on her face and eager to learn."

"**Salyer Roebuck** is a bright



energetic young man who is a pleasure to have in the classroom," said Tammy Collins. "He takes care of his business and always has a positive attitude about him. He is well liked by his classmates and for a little guy plays a good basketball game."

"**Lashun Oakley** is a very nice young lady with many great qualities," said Terry Painter. "She is a very good student here at Latta and is involved in many school activities. Lashun is very deserving of an honor such as yours."

"**Shana White Buffalo** is a hard worker and is always respectful of others. She represents Latta and the Chickasaw Nation in a positive way," said Stan Cochran.



"We are proud of her and her efforts in and out of the classroom."

Chenoe Cummings of Ravia, **J.D. Dewbery, Devin Hilburn, Kasi Morgan, and Marissa Moore** all of Wapanucka are the January Students of the Month for the Tishomingo District.

Chenoe Cummings is a very sweet girl. "She always strives to her best and is always eager to help out in any way she can," said Debbie Akins.

J.D. Dewbery an excellent citizenship. "Easy going and kind to others," said Sharlte Taylor. Works hard at everything that he does.

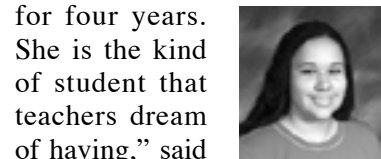
Devin Hilburn is a really nice kid. "He has a great sense of humor and a smile that rubs off on everyone," said Rose Wooley. "He is polite, considerate of others, and always helpful. He works hard in may class and is always concerned with his grade. Devin is a bright spot in my day."

"**Kasi Morgan** is a very well behaved and cooperative young lady in the classroom," said



B.Vann. "She works hard to get her assignments turned in and she's made a lot of improvement during the 2nd nine weeks."

"**Marissa Moore** is a senior and has been in my class for four years. She is the kind of student that teachers dream of having," said Rose Wooley. "She is studious and involved in her classes 100%. Marissa is cooperative and obedient and respectful. She get along well wit everyone and is always around to lend a helping hand. She is a joy to have around."



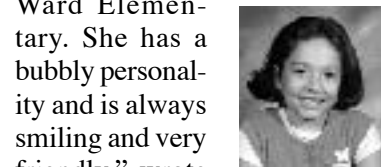
Spencer Peoples of Calera, **Alexis Olguin, Thomas Woods, Heather Young** all of Colbert are the February Students of the Month for the Panola District.

"**Spencer Peoples** should be selected as student of the month, because of his excellent overall qualities," said Cindy Parks. "Spencer is a very responsible and dedicated student. His maturity level is exceptional.



Spencer has maintained an A average in second grade. He is a wonderful student and is highly qualified for the Chickasaw Nation student of the month."

Alexis Olguin is a fourth grade student at Colbert East Ward Elementary. She has a bubbly personality and is always smiling and very friendly," wrote Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "She is an Honor Student and is hard working. Alexis is well liked by her teachers and other students. She participates in all the activities school offers. Alexis would be a good candidate for this award."



Thomas Woods is an eighth grade student at Colbert Middle School. "He is a very energetic young

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man who enjoys having a good time," wrote Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "Thomas does well academically and is well liked by his teachers and classmates. Thomas is responsible, well mannered and considerate. He would be a well deserving candidate as student of the month."

Heather Young is a junior at Colbert High School. "She is a positive role model to all her peers," wrote Wanda Williams



and Linda Carter. "Heather is involved in several organizations, but her main interest is in FOCLA. She is a good student and well liked by her teachers and fellow students. Heather participates in all school activities and enjoys them."

Katy Boyd, Justin Carney both of Ardmore Jefferson Elementary, **Courtney Branch, Kyle Allan Tucker** both of Comanche Middle School and **Roni Southerland** of Velma-Alma are the February Students of the Month for the Pickins District.

"**Katy Boyd** is an all around excellent student, simply a model child," said Kim Smith. "She is very conscientious about her work and just a pleasure for all to be around."



"**Justin Carney** is just a very caring individual. He has terrific character traits and makes his first grade teacher very proud to say he is one of my babies," said Mrs. Walker.



"**Courtney Branch** is an exceptional person and student. She is very active in school and her community," said J. Ball. "Courtney is always willing to help when asked and often volunteers. She is always smiling and helps to brighten everyone's day. I can't think of someone more deserving to be your student of the month."

"**Kyle Allan Tucker** should be selected as student of the month because he is a terrific student," said Brandy Sanders.

"Not only do his grades reflect the type of student he is, but his leadership skills in and out of the classroom reflect his ability to lead our school and provide himself as a role model for other students."

"**Roni Southerland** is an excellent student. She has worked hard throughout high school to make A's in all her classes," said Sandy Pogue. "She hasn't taken the easy road either. Roni is taking all of our advanced placement classes, as well as trigonometry and a concurrent enrollment class through Cameron University."

Melissa Ellis, Adam Walker of Latta School, **Kathryn Harrison, Heather Rhea** of Wynnewood Schools are the February Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District.



"**Melissa Ellis** is a very dedicated student. She works very hard in academics," said Jana Young.

"She always completes assignments and turns them in on time. She is also very kind to her classmates and treats her teachers with respect."

"**Adam Walker** is a good student, he works well and has work in on time," said Fran Cantwell. "He is a good citizen, takes care of his own things and school property. This is his first year at Latta and has adjusted well to our rules and school policies. He gets along well with his peers."



"**Kathryn Harrison** should be selected student of the month. During her years at Wynnewood High School, she has accomplished many things," said Vicki Young. "She is on the Student Council, is active in sports, cheerleader, was a queen candidate and FCCLA vice-president and president. She stands up for what she believes is right. She is my teachers-aide and is an exceptional



leader. After high school she plans to further her education in a field that is all about caring for people."



Heather Rhea "Responsible and reliable are two words which describes Heather Rhea."

"She serves as my editor for the school year book," said Kelly Nickerson. "I have constantly relied on her willingness to work. Her sense of ethics and her sweet nature. She holds many positions of leadership on campus and exemplifies the best Wynnewood High School has to offer."

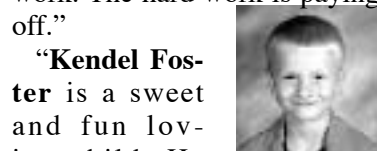
Destiny May, Kendel Foster, Ashley Floyd, Justin Dillard, Sharla DeWitt and Jonathon Taylor all of Wapanucka are the February Students of the Month for the Tishomingo District.



"**Destiny May** is a good student."

She has a great sense of humor and brings a lot of fun to the classroom," said Kenni Lane. "She is well liked by her peers and has been working to make improvements in her school work. The hard work is paying off."

"**Kendel Foster** is a sweet and fun loving child. He is well liked by his peers," said Kenni Lane. "He is developing a love for reading. Kendel works hard to do his best in other areas as well."



"**Ashley Floyd** is a very well behaved young lady, who is always cooperative and polite,"



said Bill Vann. She is my choice for student of the month.

"**Justin Dillard** has really

buckled down and started applying himself to his schoolwork," said Bill Vann. "He is my choice for student of the month."

"**Sharla DeWitt** works hard and tries to always understand her assignments," said Rose Wooley. "Her real love is showing pigs and working with the FFA. She is very good at this and very dedicated."



"**Jonathon Taylor** is a friendly and respectful young man," said Rose Wooley. "He is cooperative in class and never causes a disruption or gets into trouble. He is a great basketball player and a role model on the court."



Staying active with your children keeps everyone happy - and healthy!

What are your kids doing this weekend? Do you have an hour available to help save their life?

Staying active is the best way to prevent a variety of health problems, from diabetes to heart disease. Just one hour of activity a day reduces the potential for developing diabetes, and also helps prevent obesity, which is a leading cause of heart disease.

So what are you waiting for? Get the family together and head outside this weekend.

And just in case you need a good response to, "There's nothing to do!" here's a list of fifteen fun games to play, or places to go so the whole family can get out and make this weekend a VERB weekend.

1. Create an obstacle course, and make it a multi-sport event. Include biking, skateboarding, even dancing.

2. Go for a family bike ride.

3. Play touch football. For a new twist double up with two quarterbacks per team, and two passes per play. That'll keep the defense on their toes.

4. Have a picnic in the park. Walk there if possible.

5. Take the dog for a much needed walk. He will love all the attention.

6. Get a game of Extra Baseball going. It's no longer a diamond when there are 5 bases!

7. Play Frisbee Golf. Find an open space and choose trees, bushes, or trash cans to be the holes.

8. Play Tag Team. A regular game of tag, but this time when the leader tags you, you must join hands and chase the other players together!

9. Start a garden. Buy cool plant or flower seeds, plow the dirt, dig the holes, and make sure you water!

10. Hold a bike race. Put on safety gear, and race anyone willing to accept the challenge.

11. Play a game of 3 on 3 on 3 Basketball. To make it interesting, play with three teams at once. First team to score 33 points wins.

12. Get the Bunny Hop going, but do it to your favorite hip hop music. An old game suddenly becomes a fun new dance.

13. Long Jump Contest. Take a running start and see who can jump the farthest.

14. Tap and Toss a footbag with friends in a circle. As everyone gets better, add more bags.

15. Jump rope with friends, taking turns adding tricks like crossing the rope, turning around, or twisting your hips when you jump.

For even more ideas on how to find your VERB this weekend, go to www.VERBparents.com, or, for kids, go to www.VERBnow.com

Tribe declares May 9-15 Women's Health Week

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby has issued a proclamation declaring May 9-15, 2004 Women's Health Week in the Chickasaw Nation. The proclamation coincides with National Women's Health Week.

Women are encouraged to schedule preventive tests and learn about other methods of staying healthy and preventing disease on National Women's Check-up Day, May 10 and

throughout the week.

"There has been tremendous progress in women's health care in recent decades," said Governor Anoatubby. "We salute the staff of the Chickasaw Nation Health Service who work tirelessly to bring quality health care to the people of the Chickasaw Nation. We also hope women will heed this reminder to avail themselves of those services and take all the steps necessary to

live long and healthy lives."

Heart disease, cancer and diabetes are among the top causes of death of American women.

While many think of heart disease as a man's illness, more women than men die of heart disease each year.

Although breast cancer receives a great deal of attention, more women die of lung cancer each year than breast cancer.

Early detection and treatment

are key in preventing death from these and other illnesses.

Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services said, "We are in the midst of a revolution in women's health, a revolution that has brought new attitudes, awareness and an appreciation that women have some fundamentally different health needs that need to be addressed in their own right."

A coalition of public and private organizations initiated National Women's Health Week in 2000 to celebrate progress in women's health and encourage women to take simple steps to improve their health.

It is commemorated annually during the week in May that begins with Mother's Day.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Second Wind smoking cessation classes offered at Carl Albert

Smokers who want to kick the habit can sign up now to take the *Second Wind* smoking cessation classes begin 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 in the Carl Albert Indian Hospital conference room. Classes will continue at 6 p.m. every other Tuesday through Aug. 3.

Classes are free and open to anyone eligible to receive services at CAIH as well as CAIH employees.

Second Wind is tailored to Native Americans and includes education, counseling, peer support, advice and help in obtaining nicotine replacement or other medication and more.

Second Wind instructor Christie Byars explained that while tobacco is used in many traditional Native American religious ceremonies, use of natural tobacco differs from habitual use

and abuse of commercially-produced tobacco with unhealthy additives.

Cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death in the United States, killing more than 400,000 Americans annually.

Ms. Byars, a former smoker, explained that smoking not only affects the health of the smoker, it also affects family and friends. She said her own children often complained about the smell when she smoked.

After eventually being forced to smoke outside her own home, she said she made the decision to kick the habit when she was outside smoking one cold and rainy night.

Beyond the unpleasant odor, second hand smoke can also be dangerous, as exposure to second hand smoke causes fatal

lung cancer in 3,000 American adults annually.

Studies have also shown that children exposed to second hand smoke may be more likely to suffer from hyperactivity and other behavioral problems and may score lower on language and math tests than other children.

The *Second Wind* program consists of six one-hour sessions

over a three-month period to

give smokers continued support through the cessation process.

"Smoking is very addictive," said Ms. Byars. "Some literature says it is as addictive as heroin."

Participants are encouraged to choose a date when they will stop smoking and sign an agreement to quit.

Second Wind has had a high

success rate at CAIH. Of the 13 smokers who took part in the first quarter class, 10 completed the program and nine had remained smoke free three months later.

For information or to sign up for the class call (580) 421-4591.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

'What being Chickasaw means to me'



Posing with their photo collage that received an honorable mention in state competition are (kneeling, left to right), Cherokee Durant, Sierra Worcester, Sabby Reed, Valori Harjo, Grandon Clifton, Cheyenne Durant, and Quannah Lindsey. Standing left to right, arts in education manager Laura Stewart, Brandon Reed, Shelby Clifton, Jennifer Hood, and Cherokee Truelove. Behind Jennifer Hood is Chiminayne Walton and beside her is Trina Jones, arts specialist and coordinator for the collage project.

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What is Medisaw?

Formerly "Contract Health Services," Medisaw is the name of the Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) referral support program. Although not an insurance policy, Medisaw assists with payment of specific medical needs when requested by CNHS. Services are offered according to available funding and level of medical need.

Who is eligible?

Patients must permanently reside within the CNHS boundaries and be a member of a federally recognized tribe with a current Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

What if patients reside in another service unit?

Each service unit receives funds to provide referral service to those who reside within their boundaries. The physician will write a referral based upon the medical need. Medisaw will then fax and mail the referral request to the service unit where the patient resides so that unit may process it. Patients will need to contact the Contract Health Services (CHS) department for their area for further information about the request and action taken.

When did this change?

Prior to tribal compacting on October 1, 1994, referrals were issued and processed at the service unit providing care, and not where the patient lived. Indian Health Service allowed this to be changed as a result of compacting agreements between the tribes. Now, referrals are processed by the CHS department where the patient resides. Patients will be asked to establish a chart at the facility so referrals can be processed. If patients are unsure where their service unit boundaries and facilities are located, they should check with Registration or Medisaw when coming in for assistance.

What about insurance?

Because of our government status, Medisaw is the Payor of Last Resort. This means that alternate resources must be used before we can assist financially. If patients already have Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's benefits, Workers Compensation, private or group insurance, these must be identified and applied to services. Patients will not be

denied access to medical care if alternate resources are not available. Patients with private or group insurance can meet their deductible each year by using their insurance at the CNHS. This will be at no expense to the patient or the family. Medisaw is not able to provide all levels of care, and having an alternate resource will allow patients to obtain the service recommended by their physician.

What is covered by Medisaw?

Approved referrals are issued for consultations, diagnostic testing, specialty services or other care not currently available within the CNHS. The physician will make a written request for the referral based upon medical necessity. This referral is then processed by Medisaw, the appointment is scheduled and purchase order issued to guarantee payment after any alternate resources have been applied (Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, etc.).

Referrals are issued for one visit only, and any further treatment requires another approved referral. If multiple visits are required, approval may be given for a specific time span.

Deferred Services:

Certain referrals may be deferred, or put on a waiting list due to limited funding. Patients will be notified if Medisaw is able to provide the services at a later date.

Patients should seek care at the clinics or Carl Albert Indian Health Facility emergency department whenever possible. New specialties have been added to the CNHS system and many services are now available at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada. For more information about the Medisaw Program, contact the Medisaw office at (580) 421-4549 or toll free 1-800-851-9136.

What are Contract Services?

Contract services are those services obtained through Medisaw/Contract Health Service (CHS). Contract services require approval and a purchase order to be issued from the service unit where the patient resides.

What is the difference between Contract Services and

Direct Care Services?

The difference is when the service became available, not whether the physician is an employee of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Direct care services were "open door" unrestricted services being offered at the time of compacting on October 1, 1994. All eligible tribal members may receive these services regardless of where they reside or which Indian Health Service clinic they choose to visit. Direct care services do not require preauthorization from Medisaw/CHS.

What are specific contract services?

Current contracted services are: ENT, nephrology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, stress echo. These services require a written referral and payment

authorization from the service unit where the patient resides, including those patients who reside within the Ada Service Unit area.

Who is eligible for Contract Services?

Eligibility for contract services is based upon federal guidelines. The guidelines state patients must reside upon original reservation land to receive contract health services. Not all states have reservation land, therefore, Native Americans in these states do not have access to contract health services.

Example: A Texas resident may visit any one of our clinics and be evaluated by internal medicine, dental, optometry, pediatrics, etc., since these services were available at the time of compacting. When a con-

tracted service is recommended by the physician, a referral is written and sent to the service unit where the patient resides for approval and funding. The state of Texas does not have contract health services available, therefore, there is no service unit to send the referral for approval funding.

Care not previously offered from IHS funded facilities can qualify for purchase from the Chickasaw Nation Health System. This means the CNHS can purchase private sector medical services and bring them to the CNHS. This is the same high quality medical service offered to the general public, but a cost discounted below the standard rates available.

'Healthy Families' offers mothers support, skills and nurturing

The tribal Department of Family Advocacy offers an educational program called "Healthy Families," a volunteer program that seeks to provide community based resources and support programs for Native American families in Pontotoc County.

The program's goals are to improve upon the support system, teach family members problem solving skills, promote healthy child growth and development and promote positive parent-child relationships.

This program is offered to women who are pregnant, or who have an infant younger than three months. Mothers may be expecting their first child or have other children. We also serve families with limited financial and/or social support.

The Healthy Families program teaches good parenting skills. Also, it teaches about child development, nutrition, etc.

This program is community based and offers home visitation to families. The program is voluntary and is at no cost to the family. Some benefits included in this program include strengthening the child's health/development; parent child interaction; parents' ability to reach personal goals and use of community

resources.

Home visits are a key part of the Healthy families program. Family support workers give personal support during pregnancy and up to five years of the child's life. Activities provided by the support worker will involve everyone who participates in the care of baby. The support worker focuses on personal/environmental health; parenting skills and child development skills. Home visits may be once a week to every three months.

Families who enroll in the Healthy Families program will

receive the following services at no cost: parenting education; develop support systems; child development screenings; transportation and respite care.

For more information regarding this program please call (580)436-2603 ext. 7306, Angela Connor, M.S.W., Director; Kara McDaniel, M.S. Supervisor, Micah Reiter, B.S., Support Worker; Tiffany Heavner, B.S.W, Support Worker and Thelma Navarro, Secretary/Data Entry.

Chickasaw Nation

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Ada

May 7, 2004, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

1520 Country Club at OEH,
(580) 436-7256, ext. 7311

Ardmore Health Clinic

May 14, 2004, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

2510 Chickasaw Blvd.
(580) 226-4821

Ardmore

June 11, 2004, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Food Distribution Center
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Chickasaw Children's Fair 2004 celebrate kids' lives

The recently completed Children's Fair, coordinated by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Pontotoc County, the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation Health System, was a huge success. Conducted on April 3 at the Pontotoc Agri-plex in Ada, there were approximately 2,000 in attendance!

"It just keeps getting bigger and better" said Frances Her-

rod, OKDHS, one of the fair's coordinators.

The fair is conducted in celebration of Child Abuse Prevention Month (all of April) and Week of the Young Child (April 19 - 23).

"We want folks to remember that kids are abused everyday but there are people and programs willing to help and most of them were represented at the fair" said Deanna Carpitche,

Chickasaw Nation Health System.

OKDHS and Chickasaw Nation had many programs represented at the fair as well as many community organizations and businesses. And there was fun for everyone.

This was the initial year to have banners from area schools,

day cares and Head Start programs on display. The banners around the arena looked really good and gave the kids the opportunity to express their thoughts about child abuse. There was one banner that summed it up very well; it was written in pink and said: People who hurt kids are pigs (and had a drawing of a pig).

"We hope to get more participation from more schools next year, but are very appreciative of the ones who participated this year," Carpitche stated.

There were also several organizations who participated for their first time this year, including Pontotoc County 4H, State Farm Insurance, and Bass Tubs of Oklahoma. All groups are im-

portant and appreciated.

Another successful part of the fair was the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Baby Party. This event is a celebration of the babies born at Carl Albert in the past calendar year. Also, Debbie Jackson, coordinator of the Baby Party, added a Diaper Dash this year for all crawling babies.

"We competed until we had the top three medalists" Jackson said. This is planned to be an ongoing event.



Kids of all ages had a wonderful time at the April 3 Chickasaw Children's Fair in Ada. Gov. Anokatubby shared in the fun.



Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing

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The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing offers you a full range of home loan products in addition to the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program.

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ANNUAL READERS' SURVEY

Please take a few moments to complete and return this *Chickasaw Times* readers' survey. Your rankings and comments are very important. Your responses will be received by the staff of the *Chickasaw Times*. You may include your name, address and phone, but it is not required. We are primarily interested in your comments. Please return the completed form to: *Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

Thanks for your help!

Please circle the number you feel best represents your ranking of how the newspaper is doing overall in the categories listed. 1 is the lowest, or "poor" ranking; 5 is the highest, or "excellent" ranking.

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☐ About right

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☐ Second week
☐ Third week
☐ Fourth week



We are interested in your general comments about the *Chickasaw Times*. Please use the space below to tell us in your own words anything you would like about the newspaper and your suggestions for improvement.



Helen TeAta Gale Cole



Helen TeAta Gale Cole, 81, of Moore, Okla., was born on July 13, 1922 and passed away on April 7, 2004.

She married John D. Cole, Sr. on February 9, 1946 in Ardmore, Okla. They were married for 54 years.

She was a member of McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church, Norman, Okla.

She was an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation and in 1999, she was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Her priorities were always her faith and family. However, her passions were politics, good government, and the creation of a two-party system of government in Oklahoma. She served in the Oklahoma Senate, District 45, from November 1984 to November 1988 and from July 1991 to November 1996. She also served as Mayor of Moore, Okla., from May 1990 to June 1991. She was selected to be a member of the Oklahoma Delegation to the Republican National Convention on three occasions - 1968, 1992, and 2000.

She is survived by her two sons, John D. Cole, Jr. (Christal) of Norman, and Thomas J. Cole (Ellen) of Moore; three grandchildren, Amy Cole Guisinger (Keith) and Mason Cole of Moore, and Christi Henthorn of Oklahoma City; three great grandchildren, Charlie Cole, Ashley TeAta Guisinger, and Cody Guisinger, all of Moore; aunt, Lahoma Barton of Ada, Okla.; sister in law, Maxine Gale of Dallas; sister in law, Mary McMeans of San Angelo, Texas; brother in law, Donald H. Cole of Oklahoma City; 4 cousins, Linda Harris (Ralph) of

Oklahoma City, Taloah Thorpe (Bill) of Castle Rock, Colo., Gene Thompson (Vicky) of Austin, Texas, Betty Andrews (Harold) of Duncan, Okla.; and six nieces and nephews, Arthur Gale of Dallas, Joe McMeans of San Angelo, Lt. Col. Chris McMeans of Moore, Mary Alice McCollum of Edmond, Okla., Vicky McNally of Oklahoma City, and Kyle Cole of Oklahoma City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-father, E.E. Fiefield; husband, John D. Cole, Sr.; brother, Thomas Gale; aunt and mentor, TeAta Fisher; sister in law, Nelda Cox, her husband Houston, and their son Robert Cox (Ardmore); brother in law Fred T. McMeans (Marrietta); and most recently her very special cousin Hiawatha Estes (Northridge, Calif.).

Memorial services were Monday, April 12, 2004 at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church. Services were under the direction of the John M. Ireland Funeral Home & Chapel.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the USAO Foundation, noting the TeAta Scholarship Fund in honor of Helen's dear aunt. Donations may be sent to the University of Arts & Sciences, 1727 Alabama Ave., Trout Hall, Room 106, Chickasha, OK 73018.

Amos "Buster" Hays



Services for Amos W. "Buster" Hays, 84, Ada, Okla., were April 23, 2004 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, with Rev. Vernal West officiating. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery, Ada, where the Chickasaw Honor Guard performed military honors.

Mr. Hays died April 20, 2004, at an Oklahoma City hospital. He was born Nov. 7, 1919, at Ada to Billie Perry and Hattie Bell Newton Hays. He lived in this area all his life, attending Hayes Grade School and graduating from Ada High School.

He also attended East Central University for two years.

He was employed at *the Ada Evening News* as a composing room foreman for many years, and was currently employed at the Chickasaw Nation in the print shop. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, and was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Hays was a member of College Heights Missionary Baptist Church, and currently served as a deacon. He has also served as Sunday school superintendent.

He and Anna Louise Thoma-son were married Nov. 27, 1946. She died on Dec. 11, 1994, at Ada.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne Patty, Ada, and Randel Patty, Baton Rouge, La.; a sister, Virginia Bowers, Ada; a brother-in-law, George Parker, Ada; four grandchildren, Angela Baltimore, Monique Bucaro, Drew Patty and Sandra Mosier; four nieces, Ann Patty, Carol Strain, Rosa Tudor and Jo Jones; and a nephew, Gary Don Parker.

Bearers are Harold Mann, Eric Todd, Kevin Bowles, Robert West and Kevin Worcester.

Colbert Jackson "Cobb" Burris



Colbert Jackson "Cobb" Burris died January 15, 2004.

He was born August 14, 1925 to Minabel and H.H. "Hooky" Burris.

Mr. Burris served his country proudly in the South Pacific during WWII as a medical technician in the U.S. Navy. He loved reading about and telling stories about his days in the service. He was also proud of his famous heritage as a member of the Chickasaw/Choctaw Indian Nations. He was the great-grandson of C.A. "Ahshawlatabi" Burris. He loved fishing and the outdoors. He will be remembered for his wit and wonderful sense of humor.

His memorial service was

attended by friends and family in Southeast Oklahoma at Blue River, where he grew up and fished when he was young.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, William Calvin Burris; and one grandchild, Colbert Jason Burris. He was followed in death by one brother, H.H. Burris, II.

He is survived by his wife Wanda of 56 years; two sons, Barry Burris, Oklahoma City, Colbert Michael Burris and wife Bobbie, Tahlequah, Okla.; two daughters, Kay Caswell and husband Ben, Hollis, Okla., Carol Wood and her husband Gary, Midwest City, Okla.; five sisters, Betty Fowler, Pat McCullom, Caroline Curry, all of Tishomingo, Okla., Rosemary Clark and Annabelle Easterwood, both of Spring, Texas; grandchildren, Haley Paige Baxter, Cortney James Burris and Cory Daniel Burris; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mabel Jones

Mabel (Williams) Jones, 82, of Coalgate, Okla., died May 28, 2003.

Funeral services were May 30, 2003 at Epperson's Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Matt Smith officiating. Interment was in the Keel Family Cemetery along side her husband, Claude Jones.

She was born April 5, 1921 to Silas E. and Eula Keel Williams in Olney, Okla.

She attended school at Carter Seminary and Chilocco Indian School. She was later employed at Chilocco and after her retirement she moved back to her home place.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Simon B. Williams; two nephews; and one niece.

She is survived by three sisters, Alice Brown, Louise Cook both of Coalgate, and Irene Stutte of Clarita, Okla.; her nieces and nephews and a host

Calvin Colbert McMillan

Calvin Colbert McMillan, 79, died Jan. 20, 2004.

He was born in Blanchard, Okla., to Alva Linzie McMillan Sr., and Willie Armstrong McMillan.

During the Depression the McMillan family moved to the

"Tip of Texas," McAllen, Texas in 1932. There they farmed fruits and vegetables and sold produce to Falfurrias until a huge hurricane flooded and destroyed their home and all their crops. His dad then began work for Southern Pacific Railroad and his mom became a citrus packer boss.

Mr. McMillan and his two brothers, Alva Linzie Jr., and Billy, attended Jones Male Academy. Alva the eldest of the brothers graduated from Chilocco Indian Agricultural High School in 1939, and joined the U.S. Air Force where he fueled planes during WWII. Billy left the academy at the age of 16 to join the National Guard. He was with the Army's 45th Division Thunderbirds, and fought in WWII in Sicily and Italy where he was seriously wounded. He lived to build bridges in Rio Grande Valley and Houston, where he was killed in an automobile accident in January 1978.

Mr. Calvin McMillan graduated from Chilocco Indian Agricultural High School in 1943 and from Haskell College, Lawrence, Kan.

He and his mother owned and operated "EZ Serve Grocery and Gas Station" located between Edinburg and McAllen. He also raised rabbits. When they sold out, he went to work for Shell Oil at New Orleans Refining Company (NORCO).

He and his wife Corinne Keller McMillan later built and managed two "Corinnes" restaurants and hotels in Norco and Good Hope located beside the Mississippi River in Louisiana.

He used skills he learned while attending Chilocco to build their home, a home their daughter Cynthia Marie Landry and homes for his step-daughters. He also built the St. Charles Bank in Norco, where he took part ownership as his pay.

He never sat idle. He carved wood animals, chains, and made wooden magnets.

He was a proud member of American Legion Post #195, and a contributing member of New Orleans "Saints Touchdown Club."

He is survived by his wife, Corinne Keller McMillan; two sisters, Jo Ann Rush and Nancy Tisdale; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many Chickasaw family members and Chilocco friends.

Obituaries

Michael Bond Harris

Michael Bond Harris, 86, better known as Bond, died April 1, 2004 in Phoenix, Ariz. A military service was conducted April 5, 2004 at the Veterans National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix.

Mr. Harris was born in Mill Creek, Okla., in 1917 to Mattie Lugenia Bond and William "Will" Cyrus Harris.

He was the great-grandson of Gov. Cyrus Harris and he was very proud of his Chickasaw ancestry.

He began school in the Mill Creek school system and at the age of nine moved with his family to Phoenix. He graduated from Adams grammar school in Phoenix and went to Phoenix Union High School which was the only high school in Phoenix at the time. During his high school years, he was active in sports, playing football and pitching on the high school baseball team. He pitched so fast that he earned the nickname "Whiz."

He graduated in 1936 and attended college at Arizona State College for one semester playing football on the first six-man team at Arizona State. He later played basketball with the first professional basketball team of Phoenix.

In 1937 he went to work for the U.S. Indian Service on the San Carlos (AZ) Apache Indian Reservation as a cost accountant. He said the only reason they hired him was because he was part Indian. He married his wife, Victoria, in San Carlos in 1940. She was a nurse at the Indian Hospital in San Carlos. He lived in San Carlos until 1941.

He was called into the military service in 1941 as World War II was getting started. He joined the U.S. Army and was deployed overseas in late 1941 to New Caledonia. He was then sent to Layte Island in the Philippines where he saw a lot of combat. Next he was sent to New Guinea, which he called "The Hell Hole of the World." Finally he returned to the Philippines and began preparations to invade

Japan, when they got word that the atomic bomb had been dropped. Soon the war was over and he was discharged in January, 1946.

While serving in the military he learned surveying. He worked his way up to first sergeant with the survey crew. He also served as military police (MP) for the army.

After a short time in the hardware business. He went to work as a surveyor for Maricopa County (AZ). He held this position for 35 years, until his retirement in 1981.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mattie and Will Harris; and an older brother, James N. Harris.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Victoria; his three sons, Michael, Patrick (Kathy), and Casey (Wilma); a brother, John W. Harris; his grandchildren, Kristin, Bryan, Carly Rae, Casey Ryan, Maria and Laura; and several nieces and nephews.

In memory of our dear mother



A Mother's Day Tribute for Lillian Fowler

Mom, you are always in our thoughts! We miss and love you dearly. You are "Forever Remembered."

Trisha, Phil, Stacie and Greg

CNESA 2003



Students at last year's CNESA examine a crash site at the Traffic Safety Institute in Oklahoma City.

Society working to improve Indian elders'

PHOENIX - The National Society for American Indian Elderly (NSAIE) VISTA volunteers have made remarkable achievements towards the goal of improving the lives of American Indian Elderly.

Mike Miller, the AmeriCorps* VISTA volunteer who works with the Southern Ute Community Action Program, has generated \$10,200 for the Southern Ute Tribe. The Southern Ute Tribe received grants from the Daniels Fund, El Pomar Foundation and the Margaret Boss Trust.

The Quinault Indian Nation has received a grant for \$33,000 from the State of Washington, with the efforts of Anne Wise, who is the VISTA for the Quinault Indian Nation. The Nez Perce Tribe was awarded \$31,000 for its senior center with the hard work and enthusiasm of their AmeriCorps* VISTA volunteer Vonda Osburn.

NSAIE also has administra-

tive volunteers that are making strides to further expand the knowledge and resources for the National Society for Native American Indian Elderly. With the dedication and efforts from Kimberly Clement, Josh Olsen, Jamie Park, Kimberly Rideaux and Khyati Pandya, NSAIE will be hosting an online auction at www.nsaie.org in May 2004, and hosting various other fundraising activities to expand the awareness and resources of NSAIE. These volunteers want to acknowledge the donations received from Portage Environmental, Espanola, NM, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, CA, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, OK and the 60+ artists and authors that have donated to the upcoming auction.

The NSAIE, headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, is a non profit organization that provides resources to tribal programs that serve American Indian elderly

in order for them to have access to services that support them in their homes, and as respected members of their communities. Established in 1987, NSAIE currently provides resources to tribes throughout the United States.

NSAIE has been building its base of support continually since October, 2000, when the NSAIE was awarded a grant through the Corporation for National and Community Service for AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteers. NSAIE now has a total of 10 outreach VISTA volunteers that serve on reservations throughout the United States.

For more information about the National Society for American Indian Elderly, please visit our website at www.nsaie.org. Or you may contact the NSAIE by email at info@nsaie.org; or by telephone at (602) 307-1865.

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Interior Department seeks tribal wildlife grant submis-

WASHINGTON, D.C.- The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently issued a request for proposals from federally-recognized tribes to conserve and recover endangered, threatened and at-risk species and other wildlife on tribal lands under the Tribal Landowner Incentive (TLIP) and Tribal Wildlife grants (TWG) programs.

"Native Americans have a great knowledge of, and intimate connection to the land and its wildlife," Interior Secretary Gale Norton said. "The goal of these two grants programs is to build partnerships with tribes and empower them to conserve

tribal land and recover the wildlife."

President Bush developed the two programs, which are similar to the new Landowner Incentive and State Wildlife grants programs to conserve and restore the habitat of threatened, endangered and at risk species on private lands.

"Although this is only the second time the Service is calling for proposals for the two Tribal grant programs, based on the quality of the 214 total applications submitted in the first round, we anticipate reviewing many worthy applications," said Service Director Steve

Williams.

Grants in the two programs are awarded through a competitive process. In fiscal year 2004, TLIP has nearly \$3 million available for federally recognized Indian tribes to address protection, restoration, and management of habitat to benefit species at risk, including federally listed endangered or threatened species, as well as proposed or candidate species. At least 25 percent of the costs associated with each project funded under this program must be covered by non-Federal funds. The maximum award under this program is \$150,000.

TWG, in fiscal year 2004, has nearly \$6 million available for grants that will benefit wildlife and its habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished. Although matching funds will be considered as an indicator of Tribal commitment to a project, they are not required for these grants. The maximum award under this program is \$250,000.

Indian Tribes have a controlling interest in more than 52 million acres of Tribal trust lands with an additional 40 million acres held by Alaskan Native Corporations. Much of this land is relatively undisturbed, providing a significant amount of rare and important fish and wildlife habitat.

The first round of grants supported projects ranging from comprehensive surveys of plant

and vertebrate fish and wildlife on reservation lands in order to establish data bases to habitat and fish restoration to development of new resource management techniques. Some of the at-risk species benefiting from these projects include lake sturgeon, sage grouse, antelope, pygmy rabbits, and the eastern cougar.

The request for proposals was published in the March 23, 2004 Federal Register and grant applications must be postmarked by May 24, 2004.

For grant application kits, please visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/ailo> or contact Patrick Durham, Office of the Native American Liaison (202) 208 4133.

Students ages 15-18 can work outside this summer with the Youth Conservation Corps

SULPHUR, Okla. - Are you between the ages of 15 and 18, looking for employment, and like to work outside?

Here is a wonderful opportunity to join the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). Chickasaw National Recreation Area is looking for young men and

women, ages 15 through 18, who work, learn, and earn together on projects that further the development and conservation of the natural resources of the United States.

Period of employment may be up to eight weeks beginning on June 7 through July 30, 2004.

Rate of pay will be \$5.15 per hour.

Applications are available through Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at Headquarters located at 1008 W. 2nd Street, Sulphur, Okla. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications will also be available at Sulphur, Davis, Wynnewood, Roff, and Springer High Schools.

Employees will be selected by public drawing at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2004 at Travertine Nature Center.

The Youth Conservation Corps was established by Public Law 93-408 is a summer employment program with the following objectives: 1. To accomplish needed conservation work on public lands 2. To provide gainful employment for 15-through 18-year-old males and females of all social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds 3. To develop in participating youth an understanding and appreciation of the Nation's natural environment and heritage.

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